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Largest spring commencement class ever

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Spring enrollment was not the only number up thus far in 1999 as the University handed out 639 degrees during spring commencement.

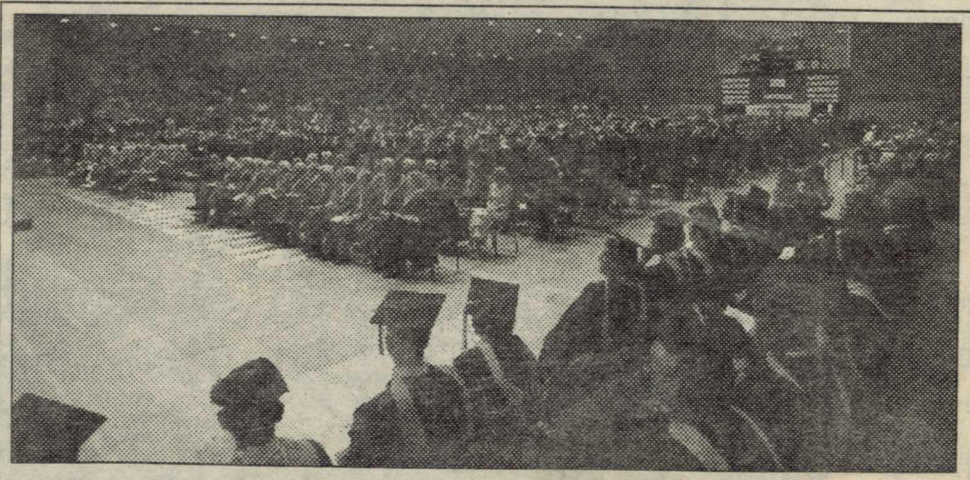
The spring class is estimated to have been the largest spring commencement class in the history of the University.

Of the 600-plus graduates, five completed their course study with a 4.0 grade point average.

The five students were Pauline Dappen and April Seegers of Many, Mildred McManus of Eunice, Emily Norgress of Denham Springs and Patrick Thomassie of New Iberia.

Fifty-seven graduates were recognized for completing their bachelors degree with grade point averages of 3.7 or better.

Also graduating summa cum laude with grade point averages of 3.9 or better were: Rachel Aaron of Pineville with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Stefanie Boswell of Woodworth with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Charles Bradford Jr. of Olla with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Lucas Dowden of Many with a Bachelor of Arts in History, Jennifer Fabre' of Covington with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Derek Foster of Deville with a Bachelor of Arts from the Louisiana Scholars' College, Jennifer LaCaze of Leesville with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality, Management and Tourism, **Courtney LaCour-Hornsby** of Tioga with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism



Gary Hardamon

Northwestern contributed more than 600 to the thousands of college graduates in the class of 1999. This class is estimated to be the largest Spring commencement class in the University's history.

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SGA Execs elected to SAC positions

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The Student Advisory Council for the University of Louisiana System has two of the three positions filled by Northwestern students.

Shawn T. Hornsby, Student Government President, and Paul Rome, Student Government Vice President, will serve as the chairman and secretary of the SAC respectively.

The SAC meets once a month before the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System meeting. The SAC serves as a liaison between the students and board.

Hornsby says he and Rome are continuing where other executives have left off.

"Our school has established itself within student government functions throughout the state over the last couple of years," Hornsby said. "We are going to further our reputation for being a leader in state-wide functions."

According to Hornsby, the situation is ideal because the chairman has to be in constant contact with the secretary.

"Having Paul as secretary is great because we can coordinate every aspect of our meetings from our own office," said Hornsby.

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for Friday June 18 in the State Office Building in Baton Rouge.

Besides organizing and holding the SAC meetings, Hornsby and Rome are responsible for keeping members informed of legislation which the system office deems relevant to higher ed.

Erin Buratt, Vice President at Southeastern Louisiana University, was elected vice chair. Also from Southeastern is TiJean Rodriguez, the student elected to sit on the board as a voting member.

After July 1 the system will lose the community colleges as they form their own system. The remaining members will be Grambling, Nicholl's, Northeast, Northwestern, La. Tech, Southwestern, Southeastern and McNeese.

Landrieu visit focuses on history

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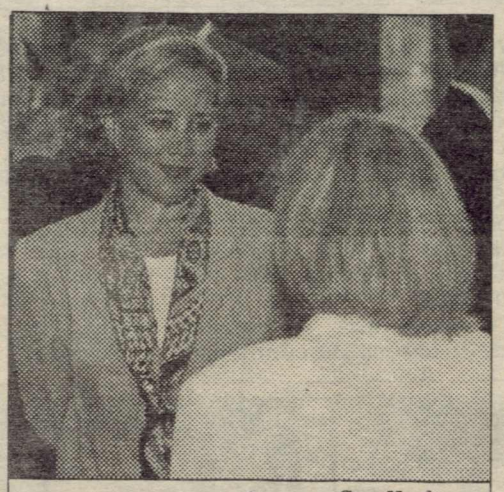
Preserving Louisiana's rich history is one of the keys to a thriving economy in the Natchitoches area and throughout the state, said U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu.

In a brief appearance Wednesday June 2, the south Louisiana democrat spoke to city and University officials administrators at a reception on the NSU campus.

Natchitoches was just a single stop on Landrieu's three-day state tour which included monroe and Baton Rouge. Landrieu also had the honor of speaking at the city's first-ever town hall meeting held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation and Education Center where she touched on teen violence and the nation's defense policy.

Landrieu's purpose for the Wednesday stop was to tout historical preservation in the city known as the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase.



Gary Hardamon

Senator Mary Landrieu visited students, faculty and local officials on her three-day tour of the state.

"Natchitoches is well positioned in all the different ways," Landrieu said.

She also said the University and the city must combine forces to to promote historical preservation.

Landrieu expressed her appreciation of how local officials have furthered developed their resources by expanding tourism and restoring the many older homes in the area.

Special mention was given to the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. Located in South Hall since 1994, the center strives for advancements in the art and science of preservation. The center is an effort of the National Park Service.

The center's future home is the Old Women's Gymnasium, the oldest building on campus.

With regards to the University, Landrieu sees NSU as a catalyst for the area which needs to continue work with the community.

Mayor Joe Sampite echoed the Senator's sentiment saying the city and University should promote the "crown jewel of Louisiana."

She further stated that higher education deserves "special attention" from Congress. The Senator also encouraged the University officials to be creative in the partnerships they form for the funding of special projects.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Student Activities Board: All students currently enrolled are invited to out to the bingo and cookout nights held each week of the summer sessions. All programs begin at 7 **p.m. in Bossier Hall.**

Bingo
June 23
July 21
(You can win money)

Cookout
June 9
June 30
July 14

Miss Louisiana Pageant: Please watch six of Northwestern's very own, including Shelly Colvin Miss Lady of the Bracelet, compete in the Miss Louisiana pageant on June 19.

NSU Aquatics Learning: It is not to participate in 'Learn to Swim' at Nesom Natatorium. Register via email to cindy@alpha.nsula.edu. The class is thirty dollars per student (family discounts are given). The last day to register for the third and fourth sessions is June 22.

3rd Session: June 28-July 16 Monday, Wednesday, Friday
4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

4th Session: June 28-July 16 Monday, Wednesday, Friday
5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

New system president visits campus

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

The University was given its first look at the new president-elect of the University of Louisiana system, Bobby Jindal.

Jindal comes to higher education after serving as the secretary of the department of health and hospitals for Louisiana.

Although he has only been in office a few weeks, Jindal has managed to tour more than half of the campuses in the system and will finish touring the other three this week.

Jindal commented on the importance and purpose of the campus tours.

"I intend to manage the University of Louisiana System from each of our campuses," Jindal said. "It is important to me to spend time at each institution, talking with students, faculty, administrators and other staff, and local community leaders. These visits will help me learn about the unique issues facing each university, while also allowing me to share my vision for the entire system."

Also Jindal wants to learn the centers of excellence germane to each university and help them promote that program.

"Although we want to offer a well rounded curriculum, we cannot be all things to everyone," Jindal said.

He was appointed acting system president May 7, succeeding James Cailier, who will retire June 30. jindal will officially take seat July 1.

Jindal began his tour at Grambling where he attended the university's commencement exercises Sunday May 23 with President Bill Clinton.

He will conclude his tour on June 21-23 at University of Southwestern, Southeastern Louisiana University, and Nicholl's State University.

Board Tour

Bobby Jindal, President-elect of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, stands next to University President Dr. Randall Webb (left) and Board of Supervisors member Dr. Ed Anders (right) during a reception at the board tour of the campus Tuesday May 25. The purpose of Jindal's visit was to familiarize himself with the campuses and their respective centers of excellence.

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and Misty LaCour of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

Other students graduating summa cum laude were: Bonnie Jean Mikovich of LaCombe with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Rachel Ross of Alexandria with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Angela Turner of Baton Rouge with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Lisa Waters of Shreveport with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and John Scott Williams of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Twenty-one students graduated magna cum laude with grade point averages of between 3.80 and 3.89. Those students were: Donna Ackel of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Reta Brashears of Clarkville, Ark. with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Jaime Brazzell of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Arts in English, Brandi Byrd of Caster with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, Melony Ebeling of Prairieville with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Shannon Etheridge of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Amy Felder of Torbert with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Jason Hollier of Anacoco with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science, Devon Kay of Anacoco with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Andrew Kolb of Greenwell Springs with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism.

Also graduating magna cum laude were: Janea Matherly of Shreveport with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Carman Nugent of Deville with a Bachelor of Science in Special Education M/M Elementary Dual, Sarah Pleasant of Marthaville with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, John Ray of Trap, Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Katherine Rhodes of Palestine, Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management and Tourism, Elizabeth Rushing of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, Dia Sharbeno of Hornbeck with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management, Heather White of Waskom, Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, Michael Williams of Holden with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Emily Wise of Coushatta with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Adam Wolfe of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Cum laude graduates with grade point averages of between 3.70 and 3.79 were: Jaime Caillet of Ama with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Crystal Carver of Alexandria with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Tenna Cook and Allison Corley of Many with

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Golden Graduates Gary Hardamon

Every year, Northwestern recognizes graduates on their fiftieth anniversary. This year the University recognized 45 graduates from 1949.

BRIEFS

Sampite retiring after a score of service-

Promoting the resignation of at least two councilmen who plan to toss their hats into the ring for the mayoral bid, Mayor Joe Sampite has decided not to seek re-election.

Both councilmen Wayne McCullum and John Winston have already said they intend to run in the spring 2000 election.

Police Jury president, Ken Aaron, fellow juror J.W. Scarborough and former juror Betty Hilton will also be running for the mayoral seat.

Sampite is stepping down because he believes he has served the city long enough.

Sampite announced that his fifth term would be his last.

"We're doing really well," Sampite said. "But I think it's time for some new blood."

Although Sampite had entertained the thought of running for the state Senate seat currently occupied by Mike Smith, he now says he has no plans to run for office.

"I'm retiring," Sampite said. "I'll find something to do. I've thought about becoming one of those greeters at Wal-Mart."

Since he has been in office, Sampite has acquired local fame with his "I Love Natchitoches" sticker campaign, which has resulted in his passing out more than 10,00 stickers.

Attorney in trouble-

A local attorney faces misdemeanor charges and a possible lawsuit due to accusations that he grabbed and scratched the breasts of a former employee who worked in his law office.

Jack Brittain, 71, of Parkway Drive, was charged with simple battery in connection with an incident which allegedly occurred at Brittain's home the evening of May 4.

"Originally it started out looking like it was going to be a sexual battery," Danny Hall, investigator with the parish's District Attorney's Office, said. "But the statute does not fit with what happened."

Alexandria attorney Mike Small, who is representing Brittain, issued a press release after Brittain was released on his own recognizance.

"This case is about money pure and simple," Small said. "My client received a letter from a plaintiff-type lawyer threatening suit a week-and-a-half before ink ever touched the summons in this case."

Adams resigns as symphony conductor-

Dr. George Adams has resigned as the conductor of the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra as well as the Director of Orchestral Studies at Northwestern.

Although Adams has been with the University since 1991, he is moving to Idaho Falls, Idaho where he will become director and conductor of the Idaho Falls Symphony Orchestra.

Parkway under new ownership- Natchitoches' only movie theatre, the Parkway Cinema, has recently been sold to Nelson Osserdahl. The Parkway, as it is commonly called, was the long time family business of the Maynard's of Natchitoches.

The new owner plans to restart the college night program

Crew breaks new ground

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

An upcoming addition to the University may be just the thing to give one campus organization a boost in the right direction.

Ground was recently broken on campus for the construction of a storage building to be used by the NSU Crew Team.

The Student Government Association approved funding for the building in the spring semester. The projected cost of the 64-by-40-foot building is set not to exceed $17,500.

Although ground was broken broken in May, Calvin Cupp, head rowing coach, said there is a 30-day bidding period. Once a bid is approved, Cupp plans to meet the contractor, and construction should be completed some time in September or October.

Cupp said the new building will be used for storing the team's shells and oars as well as protect it from weather damage and vandalism.

But more than that, he said, the building is a step in the right direction for the team.

"We're real excited," he said. "This is a big step for our program. This gives us something concrete."

Gary Hardamon

Breaking ground in front of NSU Crew members are Calvin Cupp, head coach, Dr. Dan Seymour, VP for Student Affairs, Dr. Randall Webb, University President, and Shawn Hornsby, Student Government President (left to right).

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a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Kasey Crittenden of Many with a Bachelor of Science in Advertising Design, Tammy Curtis-Greuter of Mooringsport with a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology, Krista Duffy of Bossier City with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and John Dunn of Slidell with a Bachelor of Music.

Also graduating cum laude were Rebecca Farabough of Shreveport with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, JoAnne Friday of Chestnut with a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education Mild/Moderate Dual, Jennifer Hill of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Chandra Jones of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Tammy Milner of Haughton with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Charlon Ramey of Montgomery with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Gregory Romero of Greenwell Springs with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Erika Russell of Rosepine with a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education and Adrienne Veuleman of Florien with a Bachelor of Sciences in Radiologic Technology.

Top graduates by college were: Seegers in the College of Business, Rivere in the College of Education, Dappen in the General College, Dowden and Boswell in the College of Liberal Arts, Thomassie in the Louisiana Scholars' College, Norgress and McManus in the College of Nursing and Aaron in the College of Science and Technology.

The commencement speaker was Fourth District Congressman Jim McCrery.

Faculty marshals for commencement were Professor of Business Dr. Subhash Dublabhji, recipient of the 1999 Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award, and retiring faculty member Beth Hayes of the College of

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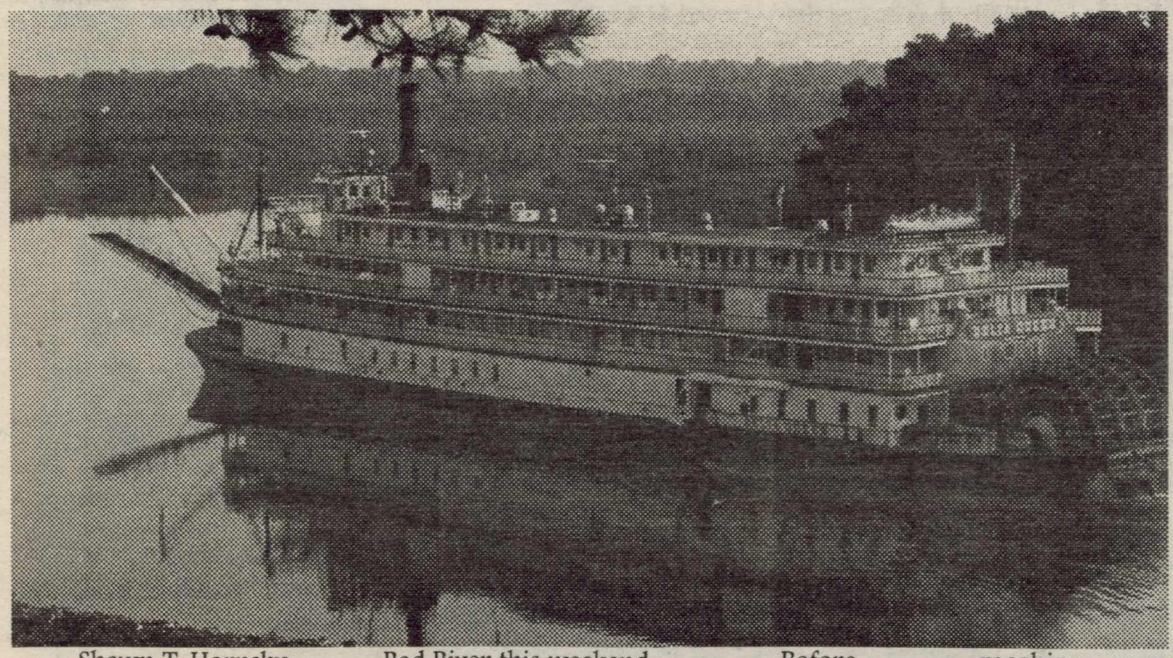
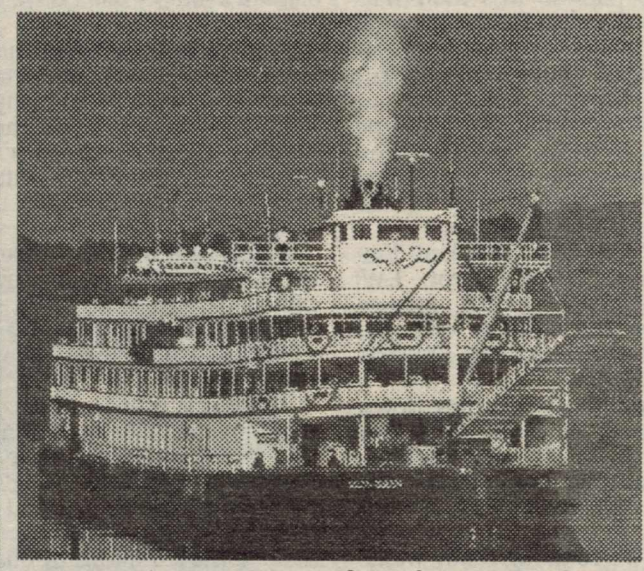
Delta Queen completes Red River tour in Natchitoches





photos by Gary Hardamon

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

The Delta Queen, the only steamer of the early 1900's still carrying passengers, made a special tour up the Red River this weekend.

The Queen deviated from her normal course, which runs from Nashville to New Orleans, to take a tour of the history and beauty of the Red River.

Before reaching Natchitoches Monday, the Queen made stops around Marksville and in Alexandria.

The passengers received a special surprise Saturday morning when Benton's Bell Battery, a civil war re-enactment group, along with cavalry and infantry opened fire on the ship.

Natchitoches' own Mayor Joe Sampite was a part of the Red River tour. He was happy to have the ship come to Natchitoches.

"It is important to show as many people as we can why this is the crown jewel of Louisiana," Sampite said.

Spring graduates listed by hometown were:

Abbeville -- Andrea Conque, Bachelor of Arts; Clayton L. Chauvin, Bachelor of General Studies.

Alexandria -- William Burkett Turner, Associate Degree; Kelly Jean Cobb, Jennifer M. Stevens, Burnette Van Dyke, Associate of General Studies; Sandy Baber, Crystal Carver, Patrick C. Clinton, Stevendy F. Mouton, Marla Sawrie, Charles Larry Stickell, Bachelor of Arts; Joanna Nkechinyere Okereke, Bachelor of General Studies; Lisa Bohrer, Bridgett L. Evans, Tamara Morse May, India Reid, Jeralyn Valair, Bachelor of Science; Karen Jean Shores Brown, Linda Michiels Fowler, Mary Kay Hirchak Garcia, Nancy M. Gremillion, Rheta Lee Morgan, Yvonne M. Price, Ann Marie Hodnett Rogers, Rachael Anne Smith Ross, Kayla Ann Daire Vallery, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Keith Andre' Fox, Master of Education; Carol Adams Netherland, Master of Science in Nursing. Alturas, Calif. -- Leslie A. Lancaster, Bachelor of Science. Ama -- Jaime Caillet, Bachelor of Science.

Anacoco -- Mark F. Newton, Associate Degree in Nursing; Steven Perkins, Associate of General Studies; Jason Hollier, Erika Paige Rogers, Bachelor of Arts; Gwendolyn J. Andress, Jeffery William Fabian, Richard D. Partridge, Bachelor of Science; Devon Robison Kay, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Arlington, Texas -- Jennifer Leigh Coatney, Bachelor of Music Education; Pamela Sue Lambert White, Master of Science in Nursing.

Atlanta -- Michael Willis, Bachelor of Science. Barksdale, AFB -- Tanya Marie Landrum Read, Master of Science in Nursing.

Baton Rouge -- Trey Michael Earle, Toni Renee Harris, Angela Turner, Bachelor of Arts; Donovan Patrick Brown, Susie King, Bachelor of General Studies; Shellie Blanchard, Lynda Joyce Santisfer, Sandy Schmieder, Jonathan Damon Scribner, Bret A. Waguespack, Joseph Michael Wolfe, Bachelor of Science; Isaiah Myers III, Melissa Leigh Reynaud, Master of Education; Nancy Jane Kowalczuk Bailey, Master of Science in Nursing; Diane Elizabeth Malison, Specialist in Education. Beatrice, Ala. -- Christopher J. Simmons, Associate of General Studies. Benton -- Leslie Davis Watts, Associate Degree in Nursing; Christina M. Heard, Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Berwick -- Heather Gros, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Blanchard -- Debra D. Jones, Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Bogalusa -- Brian Wayne Swanner, Bachelor of General Studies. Boise, Idaho -- Matthew Slate, Bachelor of Science. Bossier City -- Angela Ruth Aquilano Collins, Sandra Gail Saulsberry Darby, April Marie Dixon, Susanna Linxwiler Fellers, JiAnne Steele Graves, Sandra L. Johnson, Cherie Ann Becker Marceaux, Amy Elizabeth Miller, Terri Lynn Collins Trusty, Sheryl Ann Jennings Walters, Associate Degree in Nursing; Waylon C. Bates, Jason Alan Laubscher, Micah V. Sims, Ebony Alethea Tatum, Bachelor of Arts; Thomas Martin Salter, Bachelor of General Studies; Margaret Jeannie Elley, Robert K. Franklin, Bachelor of Science; Rachel Allison, Harlan A. Diggs, Krista Renee Roan Duffy, Marla Ann Lincecum, Heather Lockey, Bridget N. Nauck, Ginger Pylant, Robin Rochelle Roush Wood, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Susan Wilson Brown, Patricia J. Sanders Butterbaugh, Rhonda Jimes Crouch, Kari Marie Harman Laudenslager, Ava Susan C. McFerren McElwee, Cathy H. Wise, Master of Science in Nursing; Dean Allen Pavlicek, Master of Science.

Boyce -- Jennifer Dionne Battles, Associate of General Studies; Michael Eric Cook, Bachelor of Science; Georgiana Marie Robinson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Vallery Alice Albritton, Master of Education. Buford, Ga. -- Edward Mahlon Woodard Jr., Associate Degree in Nursing. Calvin--Cristy DeAnn Huckaby, Bachelor of Science; Amanda Christine Anderson, Master of Arts. Campti -- Laverne Samuel, Michael Arnold Watts, Bachelor of Arts; Alice T. Olivier, Bachelor of Science. Carson City, Nev. -- Stephen James Nielsen, Bachelor of Arts. Castor -- Kimberly N. Warren, Associate Degree in Nursing; April S. Ward, Bachelor of Arts; Amy D. Trangmar, Bachelor of General Studies; Brandi C. Byrd, Melissa Mishele Robinette, Bachelor of Science.

Cecilia -- Danielle R. Davis, Bachelor of Science. Chalmette -- Katherine Eileen Fulton, Bachelor of Science. Chestnut -- JoAnne Friday, Bachelor of Arts. Clarence -- Rose Yvette Rock, Bachelor of Arts. Clarksville, Ark. -- Reta R. Brashears, Bachelor of Arts. Cloutierville -- Leslie Beaudion, Associate Degree. Colfax -- Wuancia Denise Milner, Associate of General Studies; Frankie Ray Jackson, Bachelor of Science. Columbia -- Wendi Slone, Associate Degree in Nursing. Converse -- Judy Esther Funderburg Fox, Bachelor of Arts; Steven Veddette Ford, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Melissa Lynn Richardson, Master of Science in Nursing. Cotton Valley -- Julie Annette Grooms, Associate Degree. Cottonport -- Shelley N. Brouillette, Associate of General Studies; Stephen Randall Couvillion Jr., Bachelor of Science; Gary Marie Belt, Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Coushatta -- Brenda Joyce Evans, Associate Degree; David C. Parker, Associate Degree in Nursing; Joseph Lee McCarty, Associate of General Studies; Lessonna Clark, Carrie G. Loftin, Emily E. Wise, Bachelor of Arts; Lelah C. Loftin, Bachelor of Music Education; Ryan B. Dupree, Bachelor of Science. Covington -- Michelle Craig, Jennifer Fabre, Bachelor of Arts; Gant Gremillion, Bachelor of Science.

Crowley -- Korey Patrick Burgin, Bachelor of Science. DeRidder -- Sandie Lee Williams, Bachelor of Arts; Scott L. Marler, Bachelor of General Studies; Geoffrey Doyle, Yolanda Leah Scott, Bachelor of Science. Denham Springs -- Kellie Rabalais, Bachelor of Arts; Emily Norgress, Kendall L. Watts, Bachelor of Science. Destrehan -- Andrea M. Lemoine, Bachelor of Arts; BJ. McCarter, Bachelor of Music Education. Deville -- Derek W. Foster, Carman Nugent, Bachelor of Arts; Heather Cole, Shelley Deville, Jennifer Alwell Michiels, Bachelor of Science; Kimberly Williams Douzar Biddle, Marci Floyd, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Shirley A. Sundberg Richardson, Master of Arts; Roslyn Jill Perritt Crews, Master of Science in Nursing. Dora, Ala. -- Kelley Denise Henderson, Master of Education. Doyline -- Tina Marie Moseley Nix, Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Dry Prong -- Lori Suzanne Plunkett, Master of Arts. Duncanville, Texas--John Reves, Bachelor of Arts. Duson--Marie Eugenie Duhon, Bachelor of Science. Easley, S.C.--Christopher L. Billioux, Bachelor of Arts. Elm Grove--Christine E. Elston, Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Enterprise -- Cathy R. Coleman, Associate Degree in Nursing.

Eunice -- Darren Troy Courville, Mildred S. McManus, Bachelor of Science inNursing. Florien -- Judith Kay Landers Gervais, Bachelor of Arts; Matthew Smith, Bachelor of Muszic Education; Michael G. Duplechian, Adrienne Weldon Veuleman, Bachelor of Science. Fordoche -- Jeremy LaCombe, Bachelor of Arts. Fort Polk -- Mary Pavlo Avalle, Erika B. Lovejoy, Associate Degree; Laura M. Sanchez, Associate of General Studies; Sarah L. Curtis, Bachelor of Arts; Samantha A. Berge, Pamela D. Cook, Bachelor of Science; Lisa Lourey, Bachelor of General Studies; Chadwick Bronson Fletcher, Patricia A. Fortner, Terry E. Long, Master of Education. Georgetown -- Stacy Denise Morgan, Bachelor of Science. Goldonna -- Melissa Zingaro Carpenter, Bachelor of Arts. Gonzales -- Amy LaPorte, Bachelor of Arts; Michael Anthony Tureau, Bachelor of General Studies.

Gorum -- Getawn Leine Rodrigues, Associate of General Studies. Grand Cane -- Sheilah S. Melton, Associate Degree in Nursing; Anne Long, Bachelor of Arts; Perry Duane Nichols, Master of Science in Nursing. Greenwell Springs -- Andrew Kolb, Gregory J. Romero, Bachelor of Arts. Gretna -- Wendy Kennedy, Bachelor of Science. Haughton -- Anita Michelle Thompson Awbrey, Shelley Denise Faust Sonnier, Associate Degree in Nursing; Benjamin G. Lee, Michelle Miller, Catherine A.

Schoenborn, Bachelor of Science; Jennifer Suzanne Allums, Kelly Denise Denton, Tiffany Michelle Endel, Tammy Lynette Milner, Cyndy B. White, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Haynesville -- Stephanie Sullivan, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Hineston -- Lori Lynn Robinson, Bachelor of Arts.

Hemphill, Texas -- Rebecca Jean Lloyd, Bachelor of Arts.

Hodge -- Amanda Paige Robinson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Holden -- Michael D. Williams, Bachelor of Arts.

Hornbeck -- Joycelin Brown Barnes, Lannette Love Snell, Bachelor of General Studies; Dia N. Sharbeno, Bachelor of Science.

Houma -- Tammy Bordelon, Alexander B. Cannon, Tim Savoie, Bachelor of Science; Kelly Jean King, Master of Arts.

Huntsville, Ark. -- Jeremiah Justin Clifft, Bachelor of Science.

Ida -- Kayci D. Dial, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Jena -- Lilys Marilyn francis, Associate of General Studies; April Bradford, Joanna Bradford, Anjeanette Michelle W. Cabral, Bachelor of Arts; Andra Ralene Cruse, Richard Todd Webb, Bachelor of Science; Marilyn Walker Drewett, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Jonesboro -- Christopher Louis Barlow, Bachelor of Science; Melanie Kristine Huff, Master of Science in Nursing.

Jonesville -- Jill Lossin, Bachelor of General Studies.

Joyce -- Patricia M. Newman, Bachelor of Arts. Keatchie -- April Lea Osborne, Bachelor of Science. Keithville -- Larry A. Blake, Patricia L. Dunning, Associate Degree inNursing; Susan D. Hicks, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Kelly -- Donna G. Moore, Bachelor of Science. Kingwood, Texas -- Angela Michelle Lambert, Master of Education.

Kurthwood -- Patrick Martin, Bachelor of Science. Lacombe -- Bonnie J. Mikovich, Bachelor of Science.

Lafayette -- Jared Barras, Bachelor of Arts. Lake Charles -- Wendy Colonna, Barbara Jean Gehrig, Bachelor of Arts; Heather Malbreau, Bachelor of Science; Marcus D. Deshotel, Master of Arts.

Lecompte -- Kristen Norfleet, Bachelor of Arts.

Leesville -- Camelia J. Carey, Dola Fuhrman, Jeremy J. Wolff, Associate Degree; Christina Marie Jarvis, Allison R. Pott, Fredrick Wayne Wells, Associate of General Studies; Mary Ann Dease, Mary Ann Hagan, Robin L. Hayes, Charity Pardue, Alan Dale Simmons II, Jennifer Tilley, Bachelor of Arts; Rebecca LeAnn Bolshazy, Bachelor of General Studies; Paula R. Baldinell, Kimberly A. Blosdale, Jeana Marie Brooks, Donell Leondra Evans, Emily S. Hagan, Jennifer K. LaCaze, Sally Ann Quenga, Theresa Rachel Sanger, Carmella Anntoinette Williams, Bachelor of Science; Tracey Haymon Westfall, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Michael Baye', Master of Arts; Jennifer Leigh Coriell, Master of Education.

Logansport -- Lisa Sullivan Register, Master of Education.

Luling -- Kay Sherwood, Bachelor of Music.

Magnolia, Ark. -- Terri Lynn Crouse, Master of Music.

Mamou -- Adrienne Kay Fontenot, Master of Education.

Mansfield -- Stephanie Renee Johnson, Associate of General Studies; Janet Lee Arnold, Treska Haley, Kristy Hendricks, Bachelor of Arts; Rosie S. Claiborne, Bachelor of General Studies; Chandria Sharie Ford, Bachelor of Science; Melissa Marie Crager, Master of Arts.

Many -- Tenna Marye Salter Cook, Allison Michele Corley, Luke Dowden, Charioty Isgitt James, Bridget F. Pilkington, Bachelor of Arts; Pauline Snell Dappen, Bachelor of General Studies; Kasey D. Crittenden, Valarie L. Hodge, Daniel T. Leone, Kristy L. Lightfoot, Amy L. Lyddy, Krista L. McCormic, April M. Seegers, Bachelor of Science.

Marksville -- Scott Ray Batts, Bachelor of General Studies; Jeremy M. Bonnette, Bachelor of Science.

Marshall, Texas -- Tiffany C. Henderson, Bachelor of Arts.

Marthaville -- Sarah Katherine Roe Pleasant, Bachelor of Arts; Laura Mae Powell-Strahan, Master of Education.

Maurice -- Melinda L. Gray, Bachelor of Arts. Melder -- Tanya Lynn Wall, Bachelor of Science. Melrose -- Casey S. Williams, Bachelor of Science. Menasha, Wisc. -- Lance Henry Arnoldussen, Bachelor of Science.

Mesquite, Texas -- Kelly Suzanne Gibson, Bachelor of General Studies.

Metairie -- Michael Rene Branighan, Alicia Dube, Charles C. Hollinger, Bachelor of Science. Middle Island, N.Y. -- Diana Rodriguez, Bachelor of Arts.

Minden -- Annette Denise Nelson Triplet, Associate Degree in Nursing; Jason Alan Doerner, Bachelor of Science.

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Devil's Advocate

THE NOT SO WELL RESEARCHED POLITICAL OPINIONS OF MR. JAY LYLES AND MR SHAWN T. HORNSBY

The Left Starring Shawn T. Hornsby

Yes, guns are not the reason those innocent children were slain but you are an idiot if you do not acknowledge the fact that guns are the cause of those deaths.

I will even agree with Mr. Lyles further in that gun control policies will not work. The solution has been overcomplicated. Simply put, if you take all the guns away from everyone, there will be no more shootings. Other countries have discovered this concept and therefore do not have to worry about their schools and children falling victim to a peer.

Again I reiterate, although guns are not the reason people kill, they are indeed a widely used medium.

Regardless of any of your beliefs of what the root of the problem is, one thing is sure. Ultimately this debate will end with some type of legislation. Since legislating morals and values is not Constitutional, there is only one legislative option which will change the current situation: repealling the second amendment.

Mr. Lyles would lead you to believe the people of America have abandoned generations of children over the last two decades and made them morally defunct. America is overrun with gangs of attention starved children who have witnessed countless acts of violence. According to Mr. Lyles, the blame does not lie with the idiot whopicked up the gun but all of you who have turned your back on our children. What a load of bull!

Next you will tell me being a killer is genetic.

Let's place the blame where it truly belongs. First the idiot who commits the crime is to blame. Then people like yourself Mr. Lyles who think everyone should have a gun on their person just like a wallet or billfold.

Two hudred years ago when the second amendment was passed, a gun was a tool of the house. It was a means of protecting the family, feeding the family and defending the country (the national army was not effective by itself). A gun for those people was a necessity.

Today any punk with $30 can buy a cheap handgun. Guns are no longer needed to protect the family from the wilderness, feed the family, or defend the country.

There is only one answer... take them all away to ensure safety rather than a few or none to oreserve an archaic law.

Editor's Note:

Jay and myself are willing to offer our conflicting opinions on any topic under the sun.

We simply need a topic and room to sputter our not so well researched opinions. Hopefully, we will turn this escapade into a witty debate you can not only think about but also chuckle about too.

Although niether of the opinions will always represent our personal feelings, we will give it a good show.

The only rule is that the person arguing the status quo writes first; therefore allowing the other to get the last word.

If you want to vote or pick your winner of the week, email us at currentsauce@alpha.nsula.edu.

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The Right Starring Jay Lyles

Do young people no longer settle their problems after school on the playground with fists? Undoubtedly not. As a nation we are faced with one of the toughest problems America has ever seen: School violence and what we should do about it.

Through our televisions we have witnessed every parent's horror, seeing his or her child dead. We have seen children murdered in small town Colorado and big city Georgia, but what do we do about the situation?

Some liberals would have you believe that the reason these young people are dead is because these children had access to guns.

Well, people, I am writing to tell you that guns are not the reason those children are dead.

Those children are dead because society as a whole has turned away from moral ways of living, and it wants to blame guns in order to avoid taking responsibility for those deaths.

Gun control is not the answer anymore than putting a bandage over a slashed artery is the right solution in that situation.

There are many gun policies in America now, and they did not stop these crimes from occurring. None of the currently proposed legislation, from background checks to higher age limits for purchasing guns, would have stopped the boys in Colorado from killing anyone.

On top of that, they proved with their prefabricated cluster bombs that they did not need guns to kill anyone.

I am going to get personal now. I was raised around guns my whole life. My family owns a number of guns, and I have never killed anyone. On a larger scale, almost everyone who lives in my home town owns a gun, and the only murder committed by a juvenile was the murder of an elderly couple that took place when he slit their throats with a box cutter.

My point is this: a gun sitting on a table by itself has never killed anyone.

In many instances, though, a gun sitting on a table has been used by a person to kill other people.

It ultimately comes down to the person. The young man I wrote about earlier wanted to kill an elderly couple so bad that he used a box cutter. He did not have a gun. The boys in Colorado killed their classmates, and guns were not their only weapons of choice.

We have to eventually understand that every gun law in the world will not change anything. We have to take it upon ourselves to make sure that our children learn some fundamental principles about hardwork, education and responsibility.

We can take away the guns, but as long as we encourage our young people to be violent and hateful of the world, we will never see the end of school violence. We will just see new and even more gruesome forms of such violence.

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Hall of Fame brings extra event

SPORTS INFORMATION

Music, storytelling by some of the state's all-time sports greats, tasty Louisiana food, comedy and family fun will be major elements of the enhanced schedule for the1999 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction weekend, June 25-26, in Natchitoches.

The traditional two-day induction weekend format has been enhanced to increase interaction between the sports stars and the public. In addition to the Saturday night induction banquet presented by SportsCare, the inaugural Friday Night Festival in Prather Coliseum will provide fans with access to the 1999 inductees and many other sports celebrities, including several Hall of Fame members inducted in past years.

The 1999 Hall of Fame induction class includes former LSU basketball coach Dale Brown, six-time Saints All-Pro linebacker Rickey Jackson, Northeast Louisiana and pro football star Joe Profit, Grambling and NFL standout James "Shack" Harris, Shreveport native and NFL All-Pro Pat Studstill, longtime Louisiana College basketball and baseball coach Billy Allgood and New Orleans businessman Dave Dixon, considered "the father of the Louisiana Superdome."

The weekend's schedule begins at 3 p.m. Friday with the Hall of Fame press conference, followed at 5 by the Friday Night Festival in the air-conditioned coliseum.

The Friday Night Festival will begin at 5 p.m. in the air-conditioned coliseum arena. Live entertainment will be featured for more than four hours with the popular and versatile Steve Wells Band, a Cajun comedy act and other special guests on the main stage.

Also in the main arena will be the Storytelling Corner, with Hall of Fame inductees, members and other sports figures participating in 15-minute moderated question-and-answer segments interacting with the audience.

"This event combines the charm of a casual reception with entertainment to provide mass appeal that is extremely affordable at $5. It's a great kickoff to a big weekend."

Doug Ireland
executive director of the Hall of Fame

Food vendors will sell affordable portions of Louisiana cuisine such as meat pies, red beans and rice, gumbo, catfish, barbeque and more. The Natchitoches Area Jaycees will coordinate sports games and skills competitions for children and young adults.

The popular radio sports talk show "Conference Call," syndicated on over 60 stations through nine southern states, will originate its three-hour live broadcast from the Friday Night Festival.

"We want to make a great event even better," Doug Ireland, executive director of the Hall of Fame, said.

Saturday's activities begin at 9 a.m. with the Hall of Fame Golf Scramble at the Natchitoches Country Club, along with the Hall of Fame Tour of Natchitoches departing from the lobby of the Ryder Inn, the headquarter hotel for the weekend events.

The induction banquet Saturday evening will begin at 6:30, half an hour earlier than in past years. The reception formerly held prior to the banquet at the Hall of Fame has been phased out and replaced by the Friday Night Festival in Prather Coliseum, site of the Hall of Fame.

Tickets for the Friday Night Festival are $5, including three food samples, and will be available in advance and at the door.

Tickets for the Saturday night Induction Banquet are $20 and should be purchased by June 21.

Golf entries are $50 per person. The tour cost is $25 per person. Reservations and entries must be made by June 21 as both events are annually filled to capacity.

"The Friday Night Festival provides an affordable family entertainment package with music, comedy, storytelling and great Louisiana food in air-conditioned comfort. Most important, fans of all ages can meet and visit with sports heroes and role models.

"This event combines the charm of a casual reception with entertainment to provide mass appeal that is extremely affordable at $5," he said. "It's a great kickoff to a big weekend."

For tickets and more information, contact the Hall of Fame at 318-357-6467. Make check payable to Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and mail them to P.O. Box 409, Natchitoches, LA 71458-0409.

Bell wins All-American honors back to back

Jay Lyles
STAFF REPORTER

The Demon track team was busy this season, as it sent four competitors to the NCAA track meet in Boise, Idaho.

During the meet, Northwestern State All-American Kenta Bell placed in two different events.

Bell took home 11th place in the men's long jump (25-3 1/2) for NSU and gained his second All-American award as he placed 8th in the men's triple jump (53-5).

With this honor, Bell became the 34th Northwestern athlete to win this honor under 17-year head coach, Leon Johnson. Bell also became the eighth athlete during Johnson's tenure to record the honor more than once.

Bell now belongs to the ranks of high jumper Brian Brown, triple jumper LaMarkCarter, sprinter Ronnie Powell, triple jumper Eric Lancelin, long jumper Llewellyn Starks, sprinter Al Edwards and sprinter Cedric Evans.

With this meet, Bell wrapped up his last year of outdoor track eligibility; however, he was redshirted during the 1999 indoor season and will maintain one more year of eligibility for indoor track.

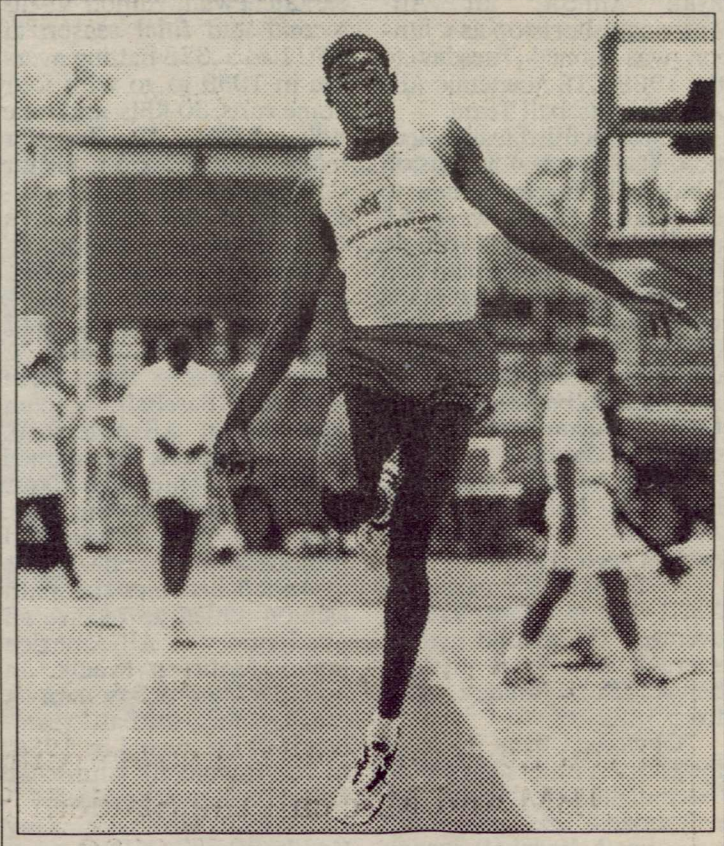
Regina Roe also placed for NSU as she took 17th with a throw of 152-10 in the javelin competition.

Roe was seeded 12th in the competition and holds the third best throw in SLC competition with a mark of 166-9.

Two other NSU athletes made appearances at the NCAA meet.

Felipe Apablaza, the three time SLC champion in the high jump, competed in his area of expertise. His best jump of 7-3 not only tied him for 18th nationally but earlier in the season allowed him to break the record of his home country of Chile.

On a final note, NSU sophomore Tyson Dillard made his first appearance at the NCAA meet. Dillard who recorded a 52-7 3/4 jump this season rands 15th nationally in the triple jump.



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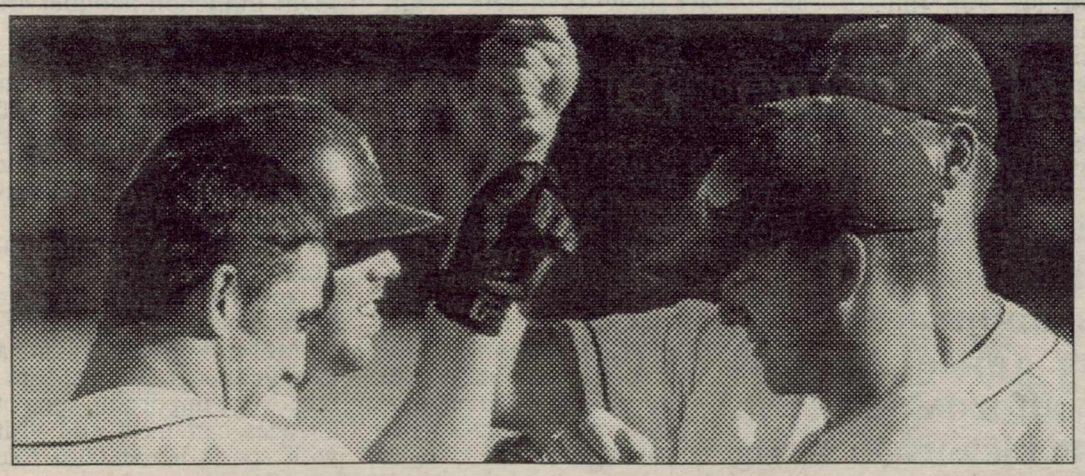
Jumper Kenta Bell brought home the 34th All-American Award for the Northwestern State track program.

Batson pick in 25th round



News Bureau

Tom Batson hit a grand slam against Texas-San Antonio and will head the Philadelphia Phillies.

Jay Lyles
STAFF REPORTER

Northwestern's senior third baseman, Tom Batson, was picked up in the 28th round of the 1999 Major League Baseball draft by the Philadelphia Phillies.

Batson was the 846th pick overall in the draft. He played at Northwestern for two years after trasferring from Wharton Jr. College in Texas. Over the last two years, he accumulated a .303 batting average with 13 home runs and 102 RBI's in 118 career games.

Batson was an honorable mention All-Southland Conference pick this season for the 38-21 Demons who finished the season second place behind Southland Conference champs, Northeast.

"Tom is a hard-nosed player with the tools to play professionally," said Northwestern coach John Cohen.

Batson will be moving north on season highs as he turned out his best single-season stats this year in batting average (.326) and homeruns (nine).

In 1998, Batson was an integral part of conference championship for the Demons.

Ryan Anholt wins All-American honors

SPORTS INFORMATION

Northwestern State senior Ryan Anholt, an All-American shortstop as a junior, was named Tuesday to the 1999 GTE Academic All-America Baseball Team.

Anholt, a third team selection, was among 33 Division I baseball players named to the team. There were 88 players on the ballot. Anholt, along with first baseman Ben Broussard of McNeese State, were the only two players from the Southland Conference and the state of Louisiana to be named to the team. Broussard was a second team choice.

With Anholt's selection, NSU has had seven GTE Academic All-America awards since 1991.

He finishes his career at NSU with a .368 batting average, the second highest average in school history behind Kyle Shade's .427 from 1992-93.

"Obviously, Ryan is one of the greatest hitters in Demon baseball history, but he also epitomizes this program," said head baseball coach John Cohen. "The past two seasons, he has worked hard, both on the field and in the classroom."

"It has been a pleasure having the opportunity to serve as Ryan's coach during his time at Northwestern."

"He really deserves and has earned an honor of this magnitude."

A native of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Anholt in his second and final season at NSU had a .323 batting average in 1999 to go with four home runs, 30 RBIs, and nine stolen bases. The transfer from New Mexico Junior College currently has an outstanding 3.682 overall GPA while majoring in biology.

This is Anholt's second All-America award at NSU. In 1998, after hitting .417 with 15 home runs and 71 RBIs, he was a third team American Baseball Coaches Association All-American. Also in 1998, he was named Southland Conference Player and Newcomer of the Year, first team All-Louisiana, and first team All-Region.

Anholt becomes the sixth Demon athlete to receive an Academic All-America honor. Maureen Kracik, an infielder/second baseman on the Demon softball team, received the award in 1986. In 1991, women's tennis star Karen Patel was honored.

Football fullback Guy Hendrick was a first-team selection in 1992. Baseball great Terry Joseph received the award two separate years, 1993 and 1995. Former Demon football player John Dippel also took home the award two different years, 1994 and 1995.

Demons stand second for Commisioner's Cup

SPORTS INFORMATION

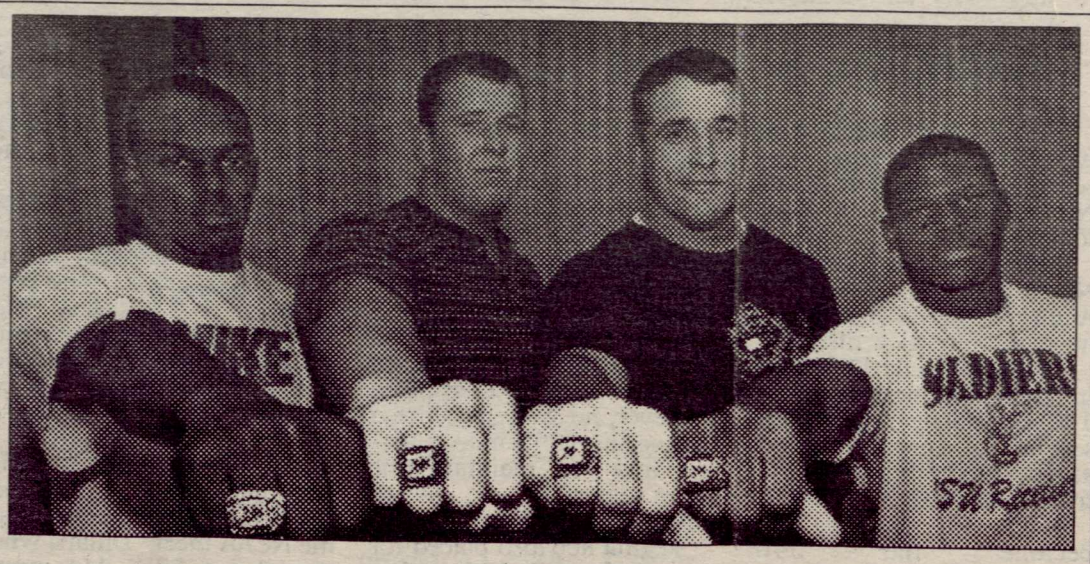
Tuesday night's performance at the Southland Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships enabled Northwestern State to finish second overall, and tops among the five Louisiana schools, in the yearlong competition for the SLC Commissioner's Cup All-Sports Trophy.

Texas-Arlington, as expected, ended Northwestern's one-year reign as the league's all-sports kingpin. UTA brought a virtually insurmountable 15.5 point lead over Northwestern into the track championship.

UTA won with 171.5 points while Northwestern scored 157, 32 more than its winning total last year. McNeese was third with 146.5 points, followed by Stephen F. Austin (138.5), Texas-San Antonio (127.5), Southwest Texas (120.5), Northeast Louisiana (116.5), Sam Houston State (94), Nicholls State (85.5) and Lamar (78).

Northwestern won championships in men's outdoor track, football, women's basketball and softball while finishing second in men's indoor track. UTA claimed titles in women's indoor and outdoor track, men's indoor track, golf, men's and women's tennis, and volleyball. McNeese's only two championships came in men's and women's cross country.

"To finish second in the all-sports standings, afer winning the Commissioner's Cup a year ago, is an ongoing testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved with the NSU athletic program --student-athletes, coaches, staff and our loyal fans," Athletic director Greg Burke said. "While we didn't win consecutive Commissioner Cup titles, this year's runner-up finish reinforces the how well our teams compete across the board."



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Four Northwestern State football players show their rings, a tangible symbol of their hard work and dedication.

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University beauties dominate Miss Louisiana top ten

University students won four of the top ten positions in Saturday's Miss Louisiana Pageant.

Farrah Reyna of Rosepine, Miss Holiday in Dixie, was first runner-up. Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Shelley Colvin of Winnfield was second runner-up. Casey Jo Crowder of Shreveport, Miss Dixie gem Peach, was fourth runner-up. Sabrina Plaisance of Morgan City, Miss St. Mary Parish, also finished in the top ten.

The finals, telecasted for the first time in five years, were the bitter-sweet end of a long year of preparation for the ladies.

Two other University students, Jamie Freeman of Plaquemine, Miss Bossier City, and Rebecca Dauzat of Marksville, Miss Louisiana Forest Festival competed in Saturday's pageant. Freeman was the non-finalist talent winner. Dauzat was the non-finalist swimsuit winner.

All six of the ladies have completed in Miss Louisiana at least two times. Reyna competed as Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet in 1997.

Dauzat represented the same title in 1998.

Over the past five years, the University has had more students competing in the Miss Louisiana pageant than any other college or university in the state.

Miss Natchitoches City of Lights, Olga Pena also competed Saturday.

The newly crowned Miss Louisiana is Julie Lawrence, Miss Louisiana Stock Show. Lawrence will compete in the Miss America Pageant in September.

Lawrence is a graduate of the University of New Orleans, who will enter LSU Medical center in the fall.

photo by Gary Hardamon

Farrah Reyna, first runner-up, Shelley Colvin, second runner-up, Casey Jo Crowder, fourth runner-up and Sabrina Plaisance, top ten finalist, posed with their respective crowns before leaving for the Miss Louisiana Pageant.

Former LSU coach inducted Saturday

Sports Information

Dale Brown took LSU hoops from the "cow barn" to the Superdome By Sam King, Baton Rouge Advocate Sports Editor

When Dale Brown is inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame June 26, a tribute will be paid not to just another person who coached and taught basketball in an illustrious 25-year career at LSU, but to one who put "another sport" on the pedestal that was reserved for football alone in Louisiana.

Dale Brown

His early battles were not so much to recruit, teach, coach and win, but to bring national recognition and respect to LSU basketball. It was a program that had experienced little success except in the reigns of Pistol Pete Maravich and Bob Pettit and a few brief one- or two-year spurts here and there. Through his relentless pursuit to succeed, he turned a program that once attracted only a stall full of spectators in the old cow barn - the John Parker Agriculture Coliseum - into one that set a national single-game attendance record of 54,321 in the Superdome when LSU upset No. 2-ranked Georgetown on Jan. 28, 1989.

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Former director of nursing dies at age 50

News Bureau

Dr. Arlene Airhart, nursing professor, died at age 50 last Sunday at her home in Benton. Funeral services were held Wednesday.

Not only a Northwestern graduate, Airhart was also a member of the faculty for 27 years. She was named director of nursing education in 1986 before being named director of the Division of Nursing three years later.

Airhart stepped down as director in 1996 to return to full-time teaching.

While Airhart was director, the Division of Nursing increased its enrollment by 300 percent. During her tenure, approximately 30 percent of the students at the University were nursing majors.

Airhart was instrumental in obtaining a major grant to establish the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. She also played a leading role in obtaining a grant of just under $500,000 from the Rural Electrification Administration to establish a distance learning program.

After earning her bachelor's degree at the University, Airhart received a master's degree in nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Ph.D. in nursing from Texas Women's University.

Airhart was a nationally recognized expert in geriatrics and regularly served as a consultant to hospitals and health care organizations around the country.

1998-99 REMEMBERED AS YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION

Students return to dusty campus streets

Students found the beginning of a long chain of construction projects upon returning to campus last Fall.

One of the main objectives in the construction jobs was resurfacing of Sam Sibley Drive. The job cost an estimated $250,000. Natchitoches' very own O.S. Johnson won the bid.

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The project, which spanned a period of almost seven months, rerouted traffic, damaged vehicles and spread dust clouds throughout the campus finally ended during the holiday season in th e fall.

Along with the new surface, a prefabricated speed bump was supposed to replace the concrete bump which used to lie between Caspari Hall and the Old Fine Arts building. The bump remains to be seen.

Other projects besides roads

Hardamon

Besides the surrounding road construction, Kyser Hall underwent internal construction as well.

The abatement of Studio A in Kyser Hall post-poned the *widely watched* student program, News 22, for several weeks.

Abatement is a requirement for any department planning renovations according to Scott Hawthorne, environmental safety officer.

"Every building on campus has asbestos," Hawthorne said.

Any building built before 1980 may contain asbestos which is found in over 16,000building materials, including ceiling and floor tiles and paint.

Studio A passed the Transmission Electron Microscopy final clearance test in late August; however, the studio was not operational until October 11 1998.

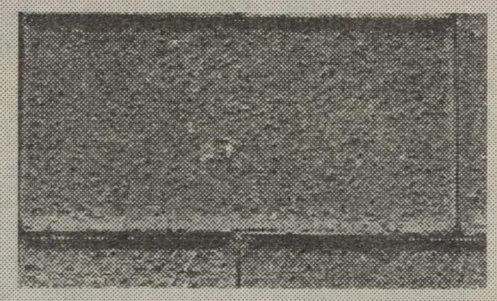
Because the buildings on campus still contain asbestos, all faculty, students and parents received letters explaining the conditions.

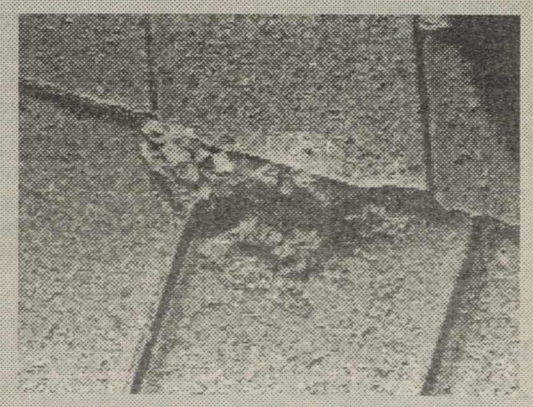
Questions regarding the campus problem with asbestos should be directed to Hawthorne in the old power plant across the street from the president's office.

'A Tale of Two Bricks'

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor
(with contributions from
Chuck Dickens)

It was the best of bricks, it was the worst of bricks, it was the age of construction, it was the age of destruction, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had every road before us, we had no road before us, we were all going direct to Heaven on a blacktop, we were all going the other way on a dirt road—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.





This year's construction projects budded from an initiative set in motion by the previous University President, Dr. Robert Alost. The plan was to resurface much of the area surrounding Kyser Hall with bricks.

The purpose of the project was to further beautify the area with a brick walkway surrounding Kyser Hall and the NSU post office, as well as several brick crosswalks on Sam Sibley Drive. The culmination of the project is still in the works as the physical plant prepares to build a flag display and a possible decorative wall at the end of the walkway where it joins Sam Sibley Drive.

Debate arose over the bricks when they started chipping which appeared to be a result of vehicles driving on the walkway. Most of the traffic stemmed from ARAMark deliveries or University vehicles. Regardless of the damages, the University did not halt the traffic flow because of the necessity of the throughway.

The 'Tale' inches closer to completion as the University prepares to install the flagpole and possible wall.

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Students prefer 'deconstruction'

Over 14,000 Demon and Cowboy fans packed Turpin Stadium on a Thursday October 15, 1998 evening to watch their teams battle out a recently formed rivalry.

The 14-10 Demon victory resulted in a rush of students for the South goal post. The post snapped in seconds!

Previous seasons have fueled a fiery rivalry between the two teams which has replaced the old Tech-Northwestern rivalry which has faded over the years as Tech has moved to 1-A play.

Another factor contributing to the inflamed relationship is the fact that the Demons shared the 1997-98 Southland Conference Championship with the McNeese State Cowboys.

Before losing to the future 1-AA champs in the semi-finals last fall, the Demons defeated two other nationally ranked teams in post season play.

The Demon defensive team, known as the Purple Swarm was a major contributor in the victory.

The Purple Swarm dashed McNeese's hopes with a stonewall of frustration in the fourth quarter with only 3:30 on the clock as they stopped the Cowboys on the fourth down with only inches to go. A pass from Cowboy quarterback Blake Prejean was hit as he threw to Eric Chew who was tackled Demons B.J. Williams and Mike Green.

Head Coach Sam Goodwin described the play as, "the biggest of a bunch of big plays."

Northwestern did a good job of containing McNeese freshman phenom Jesse Burton who played his high school ball at Natchitoches Central. Burton was held to just 61 yards on 20 carries although he had the lone Cowboy touchdown.

The Turpin Stadium Crowd was the third largest in history.

The previous record crowds were both set at Southern University games which numbered in the 16,00's.

All photos are courtesy of Gary Hardamon and staff.

Our thanks to you Gary.

Construction lumbers into new fiscal year

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

The final project of the fiscal year, building of steps for the the theatre building, finishes the fiscal year as it began, under construction.

This marks the second time steps have been built in front of the building. At one time, theatre officials wanted people to focus on the side entrances which resulted in the eventual removal of the original steps which did not completely reach the sidewalk.

According to Loran Lindsey, Director of the Physical Plant, the front entrance was to be used as a smokers' patio while the side entrances handled most of the traffic. The ticket booths are easily accessed from the side entrances.

The project is expected to last throughout the summer but end before students arrive for the fall semester.

The new stairs will form three walkways which will appear to stem from the corresponding doorways. Lindsey hopes to have either grass or plants between the walkways.

The construction has not posed much of a problem for the faculty parking in the fine arts lot.

"Two By Two" opens Wednesday; "Pippin" auditions Saturday

The University theatre department opens summer theatre with "Two by Two" this Wednesday and will run through Friday July 2 in Theatre West.

"Two by Two" is a Richard Rodgers and Martin Charnin musical of Noah and his many challenges including the famed building of the Ark.

Tickets for "Two by Two" are nine dollars and include dessert. Currently enrolled students may bring there Northwestern I.D. for tickets. For more ticket information call (318) 357-6891.

Auditions for "Pippin," the second theatre production, will begin June 26 at 2 p.m. and finish the following day.

The play is a comical look at the story of the son of the eighth century king Charlemagne, who is on a quest to find his calling in life.

Eric DeFratis plays Ham, one of Noah's sons, who falls in love with Goldie played by Amy Houck.

"The General's Daughter"

John Chambers

"The General's Daughter," starring John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe and James Cromwell, is a movie that is plot-driven, as opposed to character-driven, and promises to be the best suspense movie released in the past two years.

The cast adds to the movie with superb acting and by capturing the Army spirit embodied in this film.

"The General's Daughter" is further accented by the soundtrack, one of the best I have heard in at least 5 years. It breathes life into the South, the movie's setting, and creates an atmosphere with the implication of slavery of the Army. The parallels, whether intended or not, are there.

The music is that of blues, mixed with a classical score, that would send chills down Spielberg's spine. This, overlaid with the constant low thump of the helicopters, creates a feel of oppression, violence, aggression and obedience. The soundtrack is one of the key elements in the film and portrays the South in a good light.

One of the major factors in this film is its portrayal of the South. While some liberties were taken, the overall feel of the South is there.

The film's plot is driven by catalysts John Travolta and Madeleine Stowe, who play the investigating team in the movie. The story centers on the death of the general's daughter. The general (James Cromwell) is a man devoted to duty above all else. His daughter (Leslie Stefanson) is a dark person who has been tortured by a memory and seeks both redemption and revenge against the one who punished her.

The twists and turns that this movie takes will keep the audience on the edge of their seats, as well as disturb them. This film is not for the lighthearted and can only be explained fully as ... go and see it. Never has a film grabbed a viewer more in the first 15 minutes than "The General's Daughter" does.

For a suspense thriller that will take you away, "The General's Daughter" is a must see.

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Why Anakin Skywalker should see Notting Hill

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

WIthout a doubt, Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd) should see Notting Hill a couple of dozen times before the next prequel comes out.

The mini-Jedi makes up for his size with ambition as the Phantom Menace ends with his eyes on the Princess of Naboo.

Even the slowest of Star Wars fans must realize the future beholds a wedding between the galactic princess and the future antagonist of the century. Who better to teach the bastard Jedi how to win the heart of a princess than England's very own William Thacker (Hugh Grant)?

Notting Hill contains all of the basic plot elements of Pretty Woman except Julia Roberts is on top of the world this time.

A struggling shop owner of traveling books, Thacker wins a chance at the heart of the most spectacular woman in Hollywood, Anna Scott.

Similarly, Skywalker, an amazingly talented slave boy, captures the interest of the beautiful princess of Naboo.

Fortunately for Skywalker, he has the chance to watch Thacker and learn before the next prequel.

The roller coasrter romance between Thacker and Scott provides all the heart-pounding of a good day at the pod races.

I could not help falling in love with Roberts Hollywood starry character trying to get a taste of life on the ground.

While falling in love with Scott, I waited for the always funny Englishman to realize that he could have Hollywood in Notting Hill.

Grant did a wonderful job of playing the intellectual and lost Thacker. Although I wanted to slap him when Scott returned to his life and he shunned her, I felt his pain, despair and loneliness.

If all of that does not seem interesting enough, check out Notting Hill strictly for the comparison of Star Wars' Jar Jar Binks and Spike, Rhys Ifans.

Spike is the estranged Welsh flat mate of Thacker. Spike guarantees a laugh with his dirty 'Pig Pen' like lifestyle.

The eating styles between Jar Jar and Spike are uncommonly similar.

Guys, grab a date and two tickets to Notting Hill because is not your common chick flick. I promise an entertaining and emotional show to even the worse Sith.

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Lyles on Blitzer's interview of Clinton

Jay Lyles

Sunday night brought a very special interview to prime time television, as Wolf Blitzer discussed the important issues with the big man himself, President William Jefferson Clinton.

The interview actually sounded half intelligent until the president had the opportunity to answer the first question; however, the issue I intend to address is the president's remarks to whether Governor George W. Bush of Texas is qualified to be president.

When Blitzer asked the question pertaining to the presidential hopeful, I expected the president to give a less than intellectual answer, but never in a million years would I have expected one as ignorant as the one he gave.

The president remarked that we do not know where Bush stands on the issues, except for what he has done in Texas.

First of all, that is quite a good way to know where the man stands. His policies have definitely been good for Texas, and I should point out that Clinton was only the governor of a small southern state before becoming president. Clinton's policies in the state of Arkansas were all we knew about before he became president.

Bush, however, has taken stands on many issues no matter what the media and the president might say.

First, when making his announcement to run in Iowa, he admitted to supporting ethanol (a mixture of a substance from corn and alcohol) as a source for an alternative fuel. This is not a common standpoint for a man from one of the biggest oil producing states in the country.

Second, when asked about abortion, he admitted to being pro-life. He did say, however, that he understood the situations of incest, women being raped, and the right of life belonging to the mother. This is a rather understanding opinion for a man from one of the biggest strongholds of the Bible Belt.

Finally, in light of all the controversy surrounding guns, he signed a bill that would allow people to carry concealed weapons in Texas. That is a straightforward view on an issue if I have ever heard one.

I do not know whom the president has found to keep his mind off work or politics this summer, but she (or he) seems to be doing a pretty good job to keep him from knowing anything about the frontrunner in the 2000 election.

The president voiced many times his feelings that Vice-President Al Gore is more qualified to be president because he has more practical experience and has taken stands on the issues.

Two things are wrong with that belief.

First, that is like Clinton admitting that he was never qualified to be president in the first place because he had no practical experience.

Second, David Duke has taken a stand on the issues many times, but that does not mean he is qualified to run the country. Just because Al Gore is an admitted socialist does not make him the ma for the job.

The truth is that liber politicians like Clinton ar Robert Wexler of Florida ju cannot handle Bush becaus he will run this country wel all the while not making mockery of the White Hous and America.

The next truth is that th liberals on television canno stand him because they wi have four years of low new ratings because there will no be a major sex scandal wit the president, and we proba bly will not be destroying ar small countries on a whim.

The final truth is tha Governor George W. Bush o Texas is what the countr needs right now. He is a ma of integrity, understandin and economical sense. He is man the country can go behind and children ca respect.

Who knows? Maybe we can elect a president tha can follow the laws of th nation, we can get our chil dren to follow the laws of th country as well.

Foster may give Louisianians the chance to say 'I am stupid'

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Motorcyclists of Louisiana may soon have the chance to shed their helmets and hit the open road.

Senate Bill 86, passed by the Senate after recommendations from the house, will allow motorcyclists 18 years of age and older the chance to decide whether or not they strap on a helmet. Governor Mike Foster, who wears a helmet, has pushed the legislation.

This is a giant step in reclaiming autonomy for citizens who have been inundated with laws which dictate personal responsibility on some issues and relieve you of responsibility on others. With the rash of lawsuits that have flooded the court systems over the past twenty years, government has passed numerous laws which require a person to guard against or ignore the utterly ridiculous.

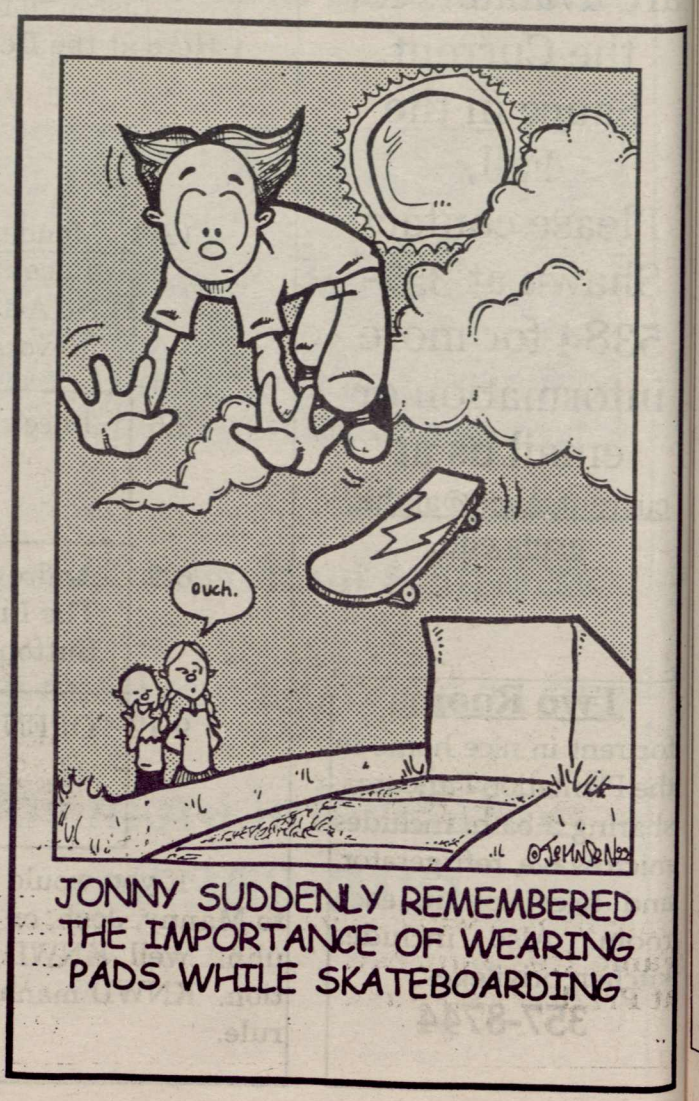
Whether it is a seat belt law or a label on a ladder warning against the dangers of climbing while intoxicated (I kid you not), Americans have been held hostage by the idea that government can take better care of them they do themselves.

Yes, I am addressing two issues, personal choice (helmets, seat belts etc.) and personal responsibility (not climbing a ladder while intoxicated or not spilling hot coffee on your lap as you leave the drive-thru).

Yes, some people will go out and spill their brains alongside the highway and raise insurance prices and taxes. I will gladly pay to get rid of these people. Paying these charges will be a tribute to Americans who exercised their pursuit of happiness to the fullest.

After I write my check to Aunt IRS or State Farm, I will send in an application to the Darwin awards for the newly departed.

Keep up the good work Governor Foster, we like the chance to say 'I am stupid.'



Still can buy season tickets

Sports Information

Demand for Northwestern State football season tickets is greater than ever on the heels of back-to-back conference championships by the Demons, making it more important than ever for 1998 season ticket holders to meet a June 28 deadline to renew their seats for the 1999 season.

If tickets are not reclaimed by June 28, they will be made available for purchase by new season ticket holders, said Northwestern athletic director Greg Burke.

"Enthusiasm for NSU football is at an all-time high based on the tremendous success of the last two years and the outlook for another great season in 1999," said Burke.

"Now is the time for our season ticket holders to act to retain the seat locations they have, and even to enhance their seats."

All season ticket holders should have received in May a renewal notice along with a map identifying open seats in the reserved west side lower deck of Turpin Stadium.

Season ticket holders can increase their accounts or even relocate to better seats by acting before the June 28 deadline, said Burke.

The five-game reserved seat season ticket package is $60.

A new general admission season ticket has proven popular, said Ron Fauss, assistant athletic director for marketing at Northwestern.

General admission seating is on the east side, commonly referred to as the student side, of Turpin Stadium, as well as in the upper deck of the west side.

General admission season tickets are only $35.

The innovative Total Tickets, which provide the bearer with reserved season tickets for all Northwestern home sports events, are $110, a savings of nearly $200 over the admission prices for all home events.

For ticket information, season ticket holders and prospective customers should contact the Northwestern ticket office at 357-4268 during business hours Monday-Friday.

Brown... continued from pront page

Much has been written about Brown visiting hospitals and giving new-born baby boys miniature LSU basketballs and traveling the state to hang nets on any basketball goal he might find in someone's back yard.

It was a little amusing for this writer to be with Brown when he hung his last net on an outside goal and gave three youngsters "I Love LSU Basketball" T-shirts and a basketball.

We were far out in the Colorado backwoods when he knocked on the door and presented himself to the unsuspecting mother and three children. They were probably no more astonished than was the family when he placed that first net on a goal 26 years earlier.

Brown carried his fight to create interest in LSU basketball to the media. His confrontations were many. He sought more stories and longer stories. He went so far as to keep clippings and counted the inches devoted to basketball as compared to football.

His persistence - with his teams' increased success - paid off.

His accomplishments were truly against all odds.

In retrospect, the success Brown and his teams had and the interest they created, is a little unbelievable. When he came in 1972, no one expected LSU to win. Even worse, few cared. He created good teams; he also created thousands upon thousands of fans who did more than care about winning-they demanded it. In the end, it was he who had to fight the monster he had created.

Only the legendary Adoph Rupp won more games (875) in his 39-year career at Kentucky, many of those seasons facing who were designated basketball coaches.

In posting a 448-301 record from 1973 to 1997, Brown climbed a much more challenging mountain, not only having to battle the mountain itself but pass those already soundly entrenched ahead of him.

His 25-year tenure at LSU is as astounding as his record, impressive as it is. Above all, he is a survivor.

Only six active Division I coaches had made it 25 years at one school when Brown retired. Brown faced a total of 48 different coaches at the 12 SEC schools during his career. During his time, LSU had four athletic directors, five chancellors, four sports information directors, six football coaches and three baseball coaches. There's no telling how many sportswriters and sportscasters he saw come and go.

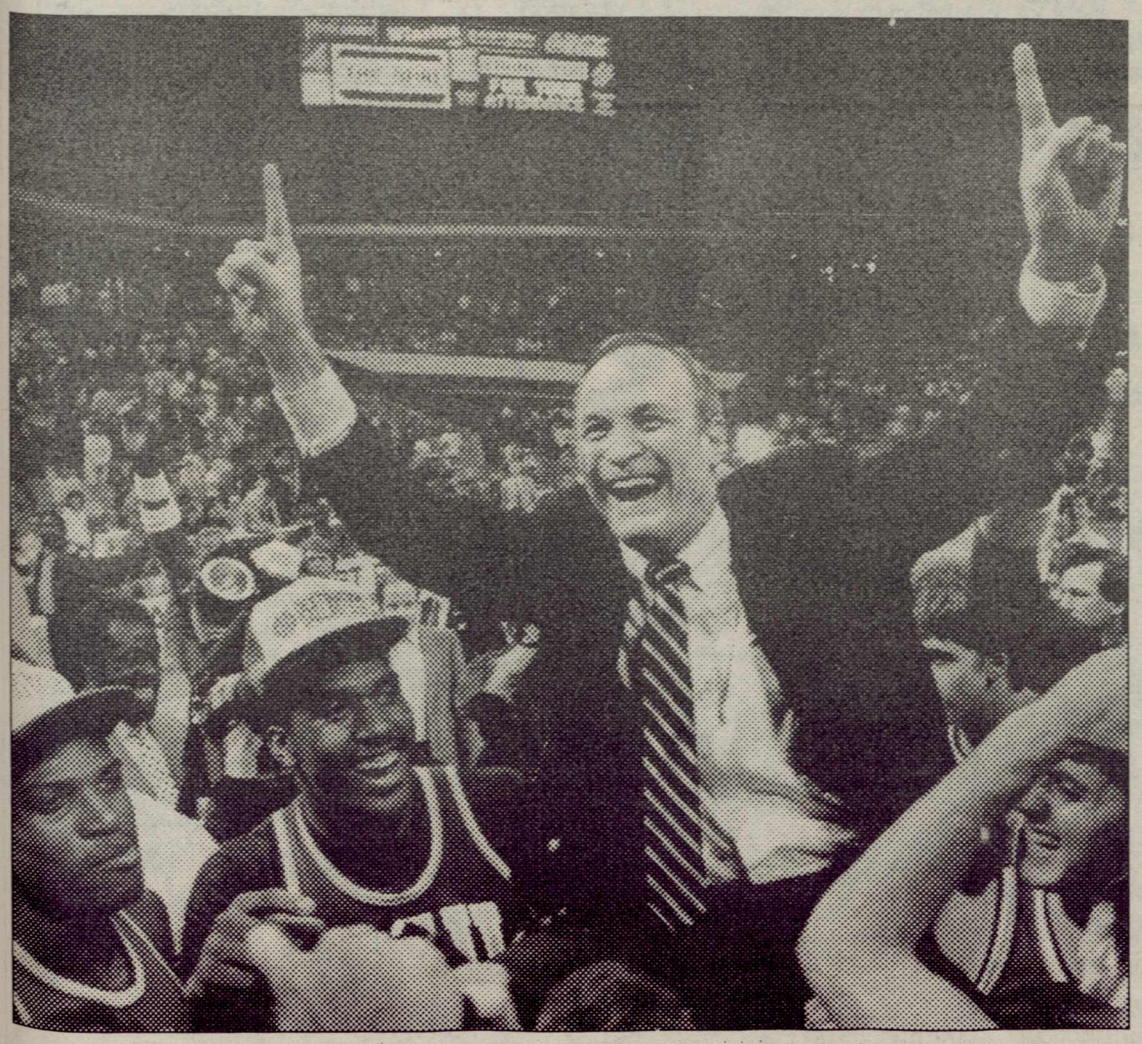
Brown was the 16th coach at LSU, which had 1,164 victories in 89 seasons of basketball. Harry Rabenhorst's teams won 340 in 29 years and Brown 448. Fourteen other coaches struggled to win 376 games.

The inspirational 1986 team that reached the Final Four in Dallas is still the lowest-ranked (a No. 11 seed) to reach the Final Four and is the only team to defeat first-, second- and third-seeded teams enroute to the college basketball classic.

His record of 448 victories is exceptional. It is even more so when you consider he was six years in building a sound program and had a four-year decline (1994-97) amid a rash of injuries, especially to Randy Livingston and Ronnie Henderson — college basketball's "greatest backcourt that never was."

In between (1978-1993) the rise and fall of the Brown empire, the Minot, N.D., native's teams posted a 334-151 (.689) record, winning four SEC titles, reaching 13 NCAA Tournaments, 10 consecutively, and playing in the Final Four twice (1981 and 1986). Only six schools in NCAA history had made more tournament appearances and only one SEC coach, Kentucky's Rupp, had made more.

Brown was selected SEC Coach of the Year or runner-up on nine occasions, was named Louisiana College Basketball Coach of the Year seven times, was five times selected District Coach of the Year and a finalist for National Coach of the Year, was named National Coach of the Year in 1981 and 1988 by The Sporting News and Playboy magazine respectively and was a finalist for the 1989 AP College Coach of the Year.



News Bureau

Dale Brown will be one of seven inducted into the La. Sports Hall of Fame This Saturday. He will also speak at the Friday Night Festival at Prather Coliseum.

(Editor's note: This is part of a Louisiana Sportswriters Association series of stories on the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, sponsored by SportsCare, Saturday, June 26 in Natchitoches. The 1999 induction class: Billy Allgood, Dale Brown, Dave Dixon, James Harris, Rickey Jackson, Joe Profit and Pat Studstill. Also honored with the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism will be Bob Henderson and Al Nassif. Tickets are $20. For reservations and more information, call the Hall of Fame at 318-357-6467 or check "www.lasportshof.com" on the internet.)

Football arriving at Turpin

From the Cheap Seats by Kris Collinsworth

For 1999, Some football fans will party like the year it could become.

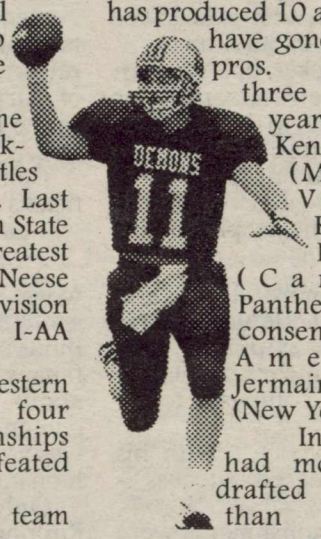
As the 1999 Northwestern State Demon Football season rears it head, fan support will be needed.

What has the football team done for us to cheer them on , one might ask.

To start off, The Demons have one back-to-back conference titles in 1997 and 1998. Last Season, Northwestern State perhaps had their greatest year slamming McNeese State on national television and making it to the I-AA semi-finals.

In the past Northwestern State has won four conference championships include one undefeated season in 1996.

The Demon football team has produced 10 athletes that have gone on to the pros. Including three from last years squad, Kenny Wright (Minnesota Vikings), Robert Daniel (Carolina Panthers), and consenus All-American Jermaine Jones (New York Jets).



In fact, NSU had more player drafted this year than six SEC Schools, seven Big 10 schools, six Big 12 and four PAC 10 schools.

Among these greats, there have been two Rookie of the Year honors(Joe Delaney and John Stephens), three All Pro (Mark Duper, Charlie Tolar and Charlie Hennigan), and one Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee (Jackie Smith).

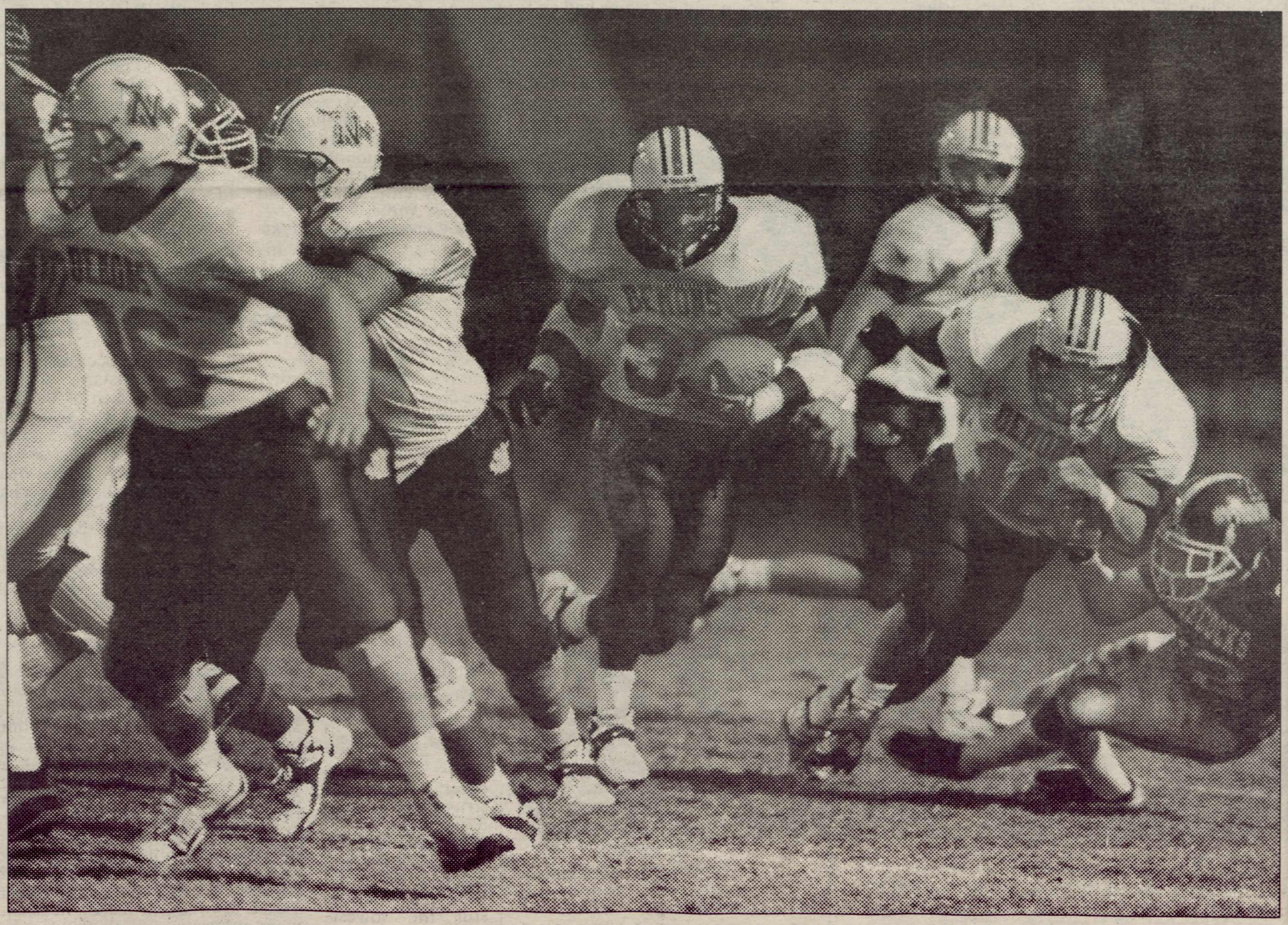
Speaking of All Americans Northwestern State has 28 All-Americans constructed under it wing. with some earning the privilege more than one.

Of the atheletes mention, six have been enshrined in the Lousiana Sports Hall of Fame (Joe Delaney, Charlie Hennigan, Walter Ledet, Gary Reason, Jackie Smith, Charlie Tolar).

Under the command of 17-year head coach Sam Goodwin, The Demons have never finished below fourth in conference.

Also, NSU set attendance records in 1998.

With all of the accompishments Northwestern State has acquired over the years, how could anyone not watch a Northwestern State game.



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Football fans have even more to expect out of the 1999 Northwestern State Demon Football season.

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Two university members lost

Baumgardner gave 31 years to University

News Bureau

Dr. Ray Baumgardner, a retired dean/provost at Northwestern State University's Fort Polk campus and assistant to the vice president for academic affairs died early Tuesday in his Natchitoches home. He was 65.

A native of Ridegway, Colo., Baumgardner came to Northwestern as an assistant professor of biology in 1965. He retired from Northwestern on June 30, 1996, after having served as head of the Department of Biological Sciences, registrar, dean/provost of Northwestern's Fort Polk campus and assistant to the vice president for academic affairs.

Baumgardner was the second dean and provost of the NSU Education Center at Fort Polk after the university established the center in 1976. He returned to Natchitoches in 1994, where he worked until his retirement.

As assistant to the

vice president of academic affairs, Baumgardner was responsible for training all faculty and staff in the use of the "On-Course" advising system. He also assisted in writing an adjunct faculty handbook, policies and procedures for graduate students and directed a study on the university core.

After starting his career at Northwestern as an assistant professor of biology in 1965, Baumgardner was promoted to associate professor of biology in 1968. He served as serving as an assistant professor of biology until 1975, when he was promoted to professor. He also served as head of the Department of Biological Sciences from 1973 to 1982.

In 1983, he became registrar, and in 1987, he took over as dean and

Carroll dies at 50

Liz Carroll, former Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organizations, died late last week.

Carroll passed away due to complications caused by cancer.

She had served in student activities for over 12 years at the University. Carroll had been a long time advisor to the Student Activities Board.

According to Carl Henry, Director of Student Activities and Organizations, she will be missed by the office of student activities because of the work she has done.

Funeral services were held last weekend.

Keyser Avenue construction slow, but progressive

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Radio ads by contractor O.S. Johnson have painted a realistic picture of the expansion process of Keyser Avenue.

The expansion project runs from the intersection of Parkway Avenue and Keyser Avenue down Keyser Avenue towards the bridge. Eventually, the project will result in the completion of a new bridge for Natchitoches motorists.

Although the project has moved is slowly, it is not behind schedule according to Mike Martin of O.S. Johnson Contractors.

"It's been slow but smooth," Martin said. "That's how it goes with the widening of roads."

The project will shift momentum towards the bridge as the asphalt is laid on the Wal~Mart half of the project in mid-July.

The Keyser Avenue project has a two year limit set on it. Martin expects the project to be finished ahead of the two year deadline.

The Keyser Avenue expansion has been a menacing problem for traffic in the Wal~Mart area. The Wal~Mart half of the project is expected to be finished in mid-July.

Abney named new Folk Life director

News Bureau

Dr. Lisa Abney has been named director of the Louisiana Folklife Center at Northwestern State University. Her appointment has been approved by the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System.

She succeeds Dr. Donald Hatley, who is now dean of the College of Liberal Arts at NSU.

"I'm attracted to the study of folklife because it deals with people and the transmission of traditional oral elements. This is a very important part of the culture that

is sometimes overlooked," said Abney. "In folklife, we look at what happens in everyday life. Our efforts are focused on documenting cultural traditions and helping them to survive."

Abney said northwest and west central Louisiana are influenced by cultures including but not limited to Anglo-American, African-American, Native American, French, Spanish, Italian and Creole.

Abney has served as acting director since August 1998. She joined Northwestern's faculty in 1997 as an assistant professor of English. Abney earned a bachelor's and master's degree at Texas A&M University. She received her doctorate from the University of Houston. While at the University of Houston, Abney was a lecturer in English and coordinator of academic advising in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

In addition to her duties in the classroom, Abney is serving as a consultant for the Library of Congress Local Legacies Program. She was also a field presenter at this year's New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and was project director and field worker for a linguistic survey of north Louisiana.

As director, Abney hopes to start a lecture series to discuss topics in folklore that will bring in members of the Northwestern community as well as the general public. She also hopes to develop a program to involve high school students in documenting their own culture.

The Louisiana Folklife Center was established in 1976 and works to promote folklife programs of public interest. The Folklife Center works closely with the Louisiana Folklife Program housed in the Louisiana Division of the Arts.

The Center at Northwestern is a research facility which coordinates the Natchitoches/NSU Folklife Festival and serves as an archival repository for many folklife materials. The Center has some 800 artist and subject files, 1,500 audio recordings, 100 video tapes, a small but growing print library of books and periodicals, and 5,000 still photographic images. The CBS Evening News, Turner Broadcasting Company, Louisiana Public Broadcasting, and many other individuals, groups, and agencies have used and continue to use Louisiana Folklife Center resources.

Campus Connections

Freshman Connection: The final session will be this Thursday and Friday. All campus organizations are encouraged to make reservations for the Organizational Expo through the Student Activities Office in room 214 of the Student Union or call ext. 6511.

NSU Folk Festival: The 20th Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival will be held July 16-17 in Prather Coliseum. Contact Director Lisa Abney at ext.4332.

Summer Sessions: The fourth summer session begins on July 19th and the last day to register is July 20th.

Fall Football Schedule

September

4	at Southern	7pm
11	at Southern Mississippi	5pm
18	TARLETON STATE	6pm
25	at Northeast Louisiana	7pm

October

2	NICHOLLS STATE	6pm
9	at Troy State	TBA
23	at McNeese State	7pm
30	SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	2pm
	Homecoming	

November

6	JACKSONVILLE STATE	2pm
13	at Sam houston State	2pm
20	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	2pm
	The Goalposts must come down!	
27	First Round I-AA Playoffs	

Baumgardner...

provost of the Fort Polk campus. Enrollment at the Fort Polk campus grew under Baumgardner's lead. Fall semester enrollment from 1985 to 1993 had an average of 974 students. That enrollment was averaging more than 1,000 by 1993.

Baumgardner's professional activities included winning many grants for equipment and being a sponsor of the water pollution control federation.

He received his bachelor's degree in biology 0from Adams State College in 1961 and his master's and doctorate degrees in zoology from Oklahoma State University in 1962 and 1966, respectively.

He was a member of such professional and academic associations as the Louisiana Wildlife Biological Association, Louisiana Academy of Sciences, Southwestern American Naturalist, Phi Sigma, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma and Blue Key.

Baumgardner is survived by his wife, Sherry, who also retired from Northwestern in 1986 after working in Watson Library and the library at Fort Polk, and his two daughters, Stacey and Andrea.

Funeral arrangements are being made through Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home of

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MOVIES

Wild Wild West Wins Weekend

Will Smith's 'Wild Wild West' raked in almost $37 million to win the top spot in movie box offices over the July 4th holiday weekend, pushing Adam Sandler's 'Big Daddy' and Disney's 'Tarzan' to #2 and #3 respectively.

Top Ten

1. Wild Wild West
2. Big Daddy
3. Tarzan
4. South Park: Bigger, Longer & Louder
5. The General's Daughter
6. Star Wars: Episode I- The Phantom Menace
7. Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me
8. Summer of Sam
9. Notting Hill
10. An Ideal Husband

Pippin Cast set

Students prepare to lead as well as perform

News Bureau

The conflict between family and career isn't a new one. The NSU Theatre will take a different look at this issue when it presents the musical "Pippin" July 28-August 6 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. NSU Assistant Professor of Theatre Scott Burrell will direct.

Members of the cast for "Pippin" include Terrence Daniels of Natchitoches as the Leading Player, Glenn Rainey of Harvey as Pippin, Eric Engelhardt of New Orleans as Charles, Ryan Barnett of Pasadena, Texas, as Lewis, Sabrina Plaisance of Morgan City as Fastrada and Camill Sotomayor of Copperas Cove, Texas, as Catherine. Missy Bizzell of Leesville and Dr. Vicki Parrish of Natchitoches will split the role of Berthe.

The chorus will include Christel Carter of Delhi, Sonia Le Gay, Alaine Claire and Robin Rose of Natchitoches, Annie Fackler of Lafayette, Dana Duhon of Abbeville, Amy Houck of Ruston, Cara Calhoun of Van Buren, Ark., and Rebecca Brettel of New Orleans.

Brettel is the choreographer, Shelley Colvin of Winnfield is vocal director. Rebecca Foster of Winnfield is the stage manager. Richard Rose is musical director and Englehardt is assistant music director. Tom Shorrock is set designer and Sharon Foster is the costume designer.

"Pippin" is the story of the son of the Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne who has everything and nothing. The university, warfare, love and politics have lost their appeal and Pippin is craving stimulation.

Assistant Professor of Theatre Scott Burrell will direct "Pippin" which includes a dazzling script and score as well as dance numbers reminiscent of choreographer Bob Fosse. Music and lyrics for "Pippin" are by Stephen Schwartz.

"We are going to try to keep a lot of the Fosse-like qualities in the production," said Burrell. "It tends to be rock-n-rollish and very theatrical in nature. It's going to be a thrill ride, like going to see a magic show, rock concert and play all in one."

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Blast off with Camp Discovery

John W. Chambers

A roar of the engines is heard throughout the complex and is reverberated into the ears of the flight crew as they ignite on the great rocket, marking the beginning of another mission into space.

No more dry runs, no more training. This was the real one, one that would be engraved into the records of history and into the hearts of the men and women in this shuttle.

Most of them were first timers; new to the experience of space flight, while to the others it was an old sweet song. Nevertheless, weather this was their first mission or not, their hearts pounded as they were catapulted into space.

On the ground, Mission Control was prepared for any mishap as the rocket ship blasted forcefully into the upper stratosphere. Breath still, computers humming, all waiting for the word of a good launch; waiting to hear the distant voices of the crew that had taken a step closer to the heavens.

Then a crackle in the radio, "Mission Control, we have a stable orbit."

As the earth bound Mission Control cheers another success and heads on for a coffee break another crackle over the loud speaker interrupts the joyous occasion. But what of it? The hard part was over; or so they thought...

Is this real or is it the Centrex? Both if you ask Dink Rigsby, director of Camp Discovery at Northwestern.

Camp Discovery is a space camp for children between the ages of 10 and 17. This may sound a bit far fetched, that a mission in space is involved in a summer camp, but at Camp Discovery it becomes a reality for close to four-hundred campers.

During a standard week session at Camp Discovery, campers go through training in the space program. From rocket propulsion, physical training, innovative web research techniques, space shuttle simulations, and neutral buoyancy (weightlessness) training. All of this training and experience is conducted, in this week long session, by staff and counselors.

Camp Discovery gives children of all abilities the chance to succeed and promotes teamwork, decision making and self-esteem.

During one of the most recent of the six sessions offered, I was able to observe the campers in their training and found the camp to be fun for everyone. And when I say everyone, that is exactly what I mean.

While I was at the camp, I was able to talk to both campers and staff. All agreed that the camp was great fun for both the campers and the staff involved.

Rigsby was just one of the enthusiastic members of the Camp Discovery team. Rigsby a teacher in a science lab at Pine Wood Elementary in DeRidder, has been working with Camp Discovery for six years and has been the director of the camp for the last five years. Rigsby's duties include everything form making schedules and assigning positions, to joining in on the ropes course and helping out in the rocket launches. He sees himself as a, "positive male role model, " for the children.

Two Camp Discovery students take time for a picture during their simulated space walk. Almost four hundred students will participate in this summer's camps.

Rigsby, along with his teaching staff and counselors, are striving to get students involved in the sciences by using the enthusiasm and excitement of space.

"They love the camp," Rigsby says, "If you get enough good people (staff)...it (the camp) runs smooth."

Rigsby believes that by getting everyone involved it makes the camp a happier place. It, "...builds team work, self esteem, and confidence, " in all whom participates. The campers get a chance to see a glimpse of what training and performing a mission in space can be like. They learn scientific methods and this creates an appreciation for the sciences while improving their problem solving skills.

Rigsby said that one of the great things is that while Camp Discovery is a working space camp with an affiliation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) it works as an entity in itself. This gives the teachers a chance to really have a one on one, "person to person, " working relationship with the campers. "They (the NASA space camp in Huntsville, Alabama) have fancier toys, but I match what they do," said Rigsby. And as far as the cost goes, "...per cost, it's a better deal if you weigh it out."
And the parents agree.

Every session at Camp Discovery, parents are invited for a family day at the end of each session.

"Parents love...they come on graduation day and join in all of the fun," said Rigsby. "This way they really can see what everyone has been saying, that Camp Discovery is great fun for everyone."

During the last day of the camp, parents get to see their children "graduate" and receive awards and take home with them pride, self esteem and confidence, as well as many of the things that they have made during the week.
The last day also has the final mission, Terrestrial Odyssey. A real time shuttle mission in an artificial environment that simulates every aspect, from the ground up. Parents watch in the VIP room on monitors as they see their children complete experiments, solve problems, and become astronauts.

This is all captured live on tape, mixed in with actual file footage from NASA and has a sound track scored by Mark Cahill. The mission, written by instructor Laura Ponder is the culmination of the week long camp.

But what of our mission...

see MISSION page 5

:-) You Call That a Smile? :-(

Collegiate Presswire

E-mail is a great way to stay in touch with your parents, with distant friends, or confirm a study session; but until recently it has had a dull, uniform appearance.

To add some pizzazz to otherwise generic type, makeshift 'emoticons' - crude typed character combinations that look like smiley faces and other icons - were developed by creative e-mailers. But emoticons didn't really fool or amuse anyone - it`s still standard type.

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So how can you add a little personality to e-mail? A new Internet software service, available at http://www.signature-mail.com, was recently announced and it just may wipe the grins off the emoticons' faces. Currently available for free, Signature-mail software lets you add your own handwritten "John Hancock," personal credo, holiday greetings or artistic doodles to e-mail messages. You can create your own e-mail birthday cards, love notes and personal letters that rival hand-carried mail; and you can even change the size and color of your hand-drawn creations with each use.

"When my daughter sends me e-mail messages signed with her own handwriting, it makes the entire message a lot more personal and helps to close the geographic distance between us," says H. Lee Browne, co-founder of Signature-mail.com. "In fact, we designed the software to make technology less impersonal."

Getting the software is as simple as putting pen to paper, according to Browne.

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You print out an order form, fill in your own handwritten greetings, fax it to the toll-free number and within seconds Signature-mail is ready to download from a secured Web site, which requires your ID and password. Each copy of the software can contain up to 25 user-created signature images. With a few mouse-clicks, you select which image you want, along with its size and color, and insert it into an e-mail, computer fax, or document.

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MISSION cont'd from page 4

...The crackle in the air rang throughout Mission Control, freezing people in their tracks.

"Mission control, we have a problem."

With those chilling words, stations begin to hum again with an organized mummer that sounds like the buzzing of a hive of bees, as they check and re-check every readout and every screen to figure out the problem and more importantly, the solution.

"Mission Control," the words break the hum, "it seems we have a malfunction in the ventilation system, please advise."

The problem is met. The filter on the ventilation system is faulty and has to be replaced, but how....the solution, improvise.

As the pages are flying in Mission Control, what do the campers think of Camp Discovery?

During my visit to the camp, I had the opportunity to talk with both a, "veteran," and a "first timer," about their experience at the camp.

"Veteran," Karen Rosenberger, 10 years old, from Fort Polk, Louisiana, is a second year camper, but why did she return?

As we talked about the camp her excitement grew as she told me all the things that campers get to do. She had a pride about the camp that beamed in her every word.

"Each year has more challenges, "Rosenberger said, "I like the rope course the best and have met a lot of friends here." The counselors are fun, and I have learned a lot.

Rosenberger is excited about the program and wants to come back next summer. She would like to become a Marine Biologist, and believes that the camp has helped her in science and can help others.

"Veteran," Rosenberger, also gives some advice to anyone who plans to come to the camp..." Be able to walk a lot and have a lot of fun."

Rosenberger is right and the, "first timers," would definitely agree.

Tyler Viator, 12 years old, from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is a, "first timer," at Camp Discovery.

"I've never been to something like this," said Viator, "I love the swimming and want to come back."

Viator has made some good friends at Camp Discovery and loves it. He hopes to become an Air Force pilot and believes that the camp helps him.

However, what about the overall success of the program?

Rigsby says that if you want to look at success in the number of returning persons then it has been very successful.

"About a third of every class are veterans." But more than that, in the eight years of the program, most counselors are veterans of the camp, and some of the teachers used to be counselors. The dedication from the campers on up the chain is what makes this place fun and exciting. It makes our goal, "To build a love of science," a reality.

So, whatever happened to the mission...

..."Mission Control the filter is a go. We are preparing for re-entry."

"Shuttle, this is Mission Control, re-entry is a go."

Another silence engulfs Mission Control as the radio goes dead during re-entry.

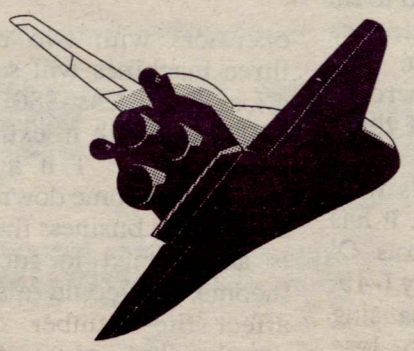
Another crackle, but no word.

Silence.

"Shuttle, this is Mission Control, do you copy?"

Seconds turn into ages as muscles tense.

"Shuttle, this is..."



"Mission Control, this is Shuttle crew, we copy."

Cheers fill the air as the shuttle floats gently home to the airfield. Another successful mission, another day at Camp Discovery.

If you would like to get involved with Camp Discovery as a teacher, councilor, or camper, you may contact them at 1-800-259-9555 or visit their website at http://www.space-sciencegroup.nsula.-edu/.

Camp Discovery is truly a week of discovery and fun for all ages and a mission of success for Dink Risgsby, Camp Director, and his team of teachers and counselors.

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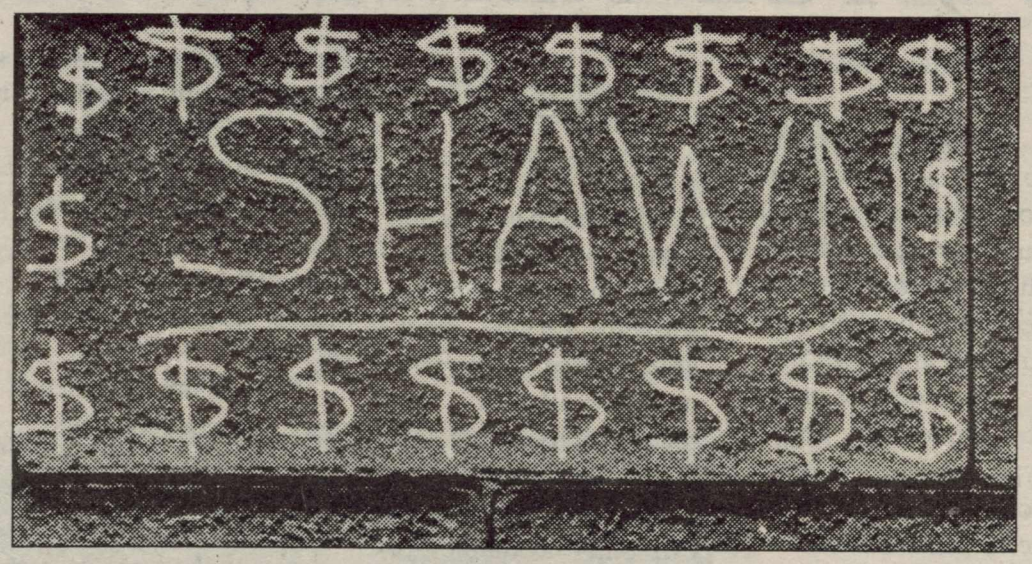

Am I the only one who finds the talk of more bricks disgusting?

After all, the University just completed the great Alost project a mere eight months ago. Now another brick project begins?!

For those of you who are clueless to what I am referring too, I encourage you to read the latest issue of the Alumni Columns.

The Athletic Department with the encouragement of some alumni are planning to create a plaza for the world renowned NSU football coach Jack Clayton.

While Clayton definitely deserves credit for ending his Northwestern coaching career with an undefeated season, he's no Bear Bryant.

That is beside the point. What really tickles me is that anyone with $100 or more can have their name placed on a brick.

What is the money used for? Great question!

The whole project is meant to enhance the Jack Clayton Memorial Scholarship Fund. While this is a worthwhile cause, do we really expect to raise the kind of revenues the Athletic Department wants?

Although a goal is not mentioned in the article, it is hoped the fund-raiser will generate $1.2 million.

Call me a skeptic but I find it hard to believe. After all, the University's single largest donation was just shy of a half million dollars. The kicker is that money went to creative and performing arts, not athletics!

It is great to see people dreaming big; and one day I hope the University will be able to generate that kind of money on a regular basis but until then let's just crank out more academically strong graduates who can establish themselves and support projects like this.

Now if there are some people who feel left out because you do not have $100 or better to become immortalized with ole Jack, then I will gladly make you an offer.

For a mere dollar, I will print you a picture of a brick with your name on it in the handsome third grade manuscript pictured above. We can print your brick life size or blow it up to an impressive 8x10. For those of you who wish to have your name done in boring block letters, it will cost you a dollar extra.

You may leave your brick to decorate the student media suite or take it with you.

The Current Sauce will gladly split all proceeds with the Journalism department.

Shawn T. Hornsby
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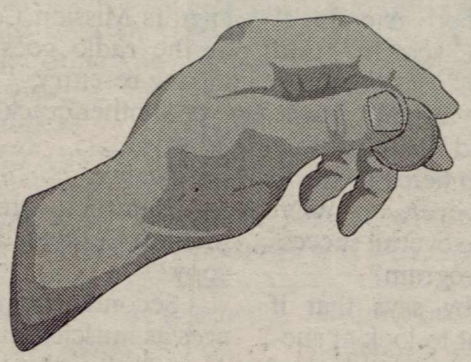
Oh for the day when loose slots return

Chris Conway
Guest Columnist



Well, I often try to think that the people of Natchitoches parish can not do anything too foolish, but now they have really done it.

As of last Wednesday the state pulled the plug on video poker machines in all parishes that voted to do so, with Natchitoches being one of them. This act will have repercussions and none of them good.

The first deals with jobs and business. It has already caused Lots O' Luck, a business by I-49, to close its doors causing many people to lose their jobs. Even small operators with two or three machines will see a loss of at least $800-$1000 a month in extra revenue. That could cause some downsizing for a business that is accustomed to such income. It could also affect the number of people that come to their establishment.

Some people might go to the Press Box to eat because they know they could try their luck at video poker. Now they might decide to go someplace different.

The other thing it does is cost the city and parish money. The city will lose around $500,000 a year in tax revenue from video poker. Think of what could be cut with that money not available. (If the city was short on money to want to charge admission for the Christmas Festival last year, I wonder what will happen this year.)

There are projects that might not get any funding now due to the lost revenue. So, I hope that nobody in Natchitoches has any money demands on the government because the money will not be there.

In the long run, people are going to gamble. They will take their money to Shreveport casinos or to another parish that allows video poker.

I guess I just can not understand how it's OK to hurt ourselves by doing the "right" thing, while we standby and watch as others benefit from it.

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Freshman competes at Pan-Am games

Sports Information

Northwestern State freshman Latrell Frederick, a Benton High product, will be part of the USA track and field team at the Pan American Junior Games next month after winning the USA Junior Nationals javelin title over the weekend.

Frederick threw a personal best 213-11, more than six feet longer than his previous best, to win the USA junior title Saturday in Denton, Texas. He will be part of the American team in the Pan Am Games in mid-July in Tampa.

"It was pretty amazing," said 17th-year Northwestern coach Leon Johnson. "Latrell came into the competition as the ninth-ranked thrower, but he whipped some people who didn't rise to the occasion.

"Some of the high school athletes in the competition had not worked with the international javelin and the experience of using that implement during his freshman year with us was an advantage for Latrell."

Frederick opened the competition with his winning throw and later recorded the second-best mark.

News Bureau

Latrell Frederick

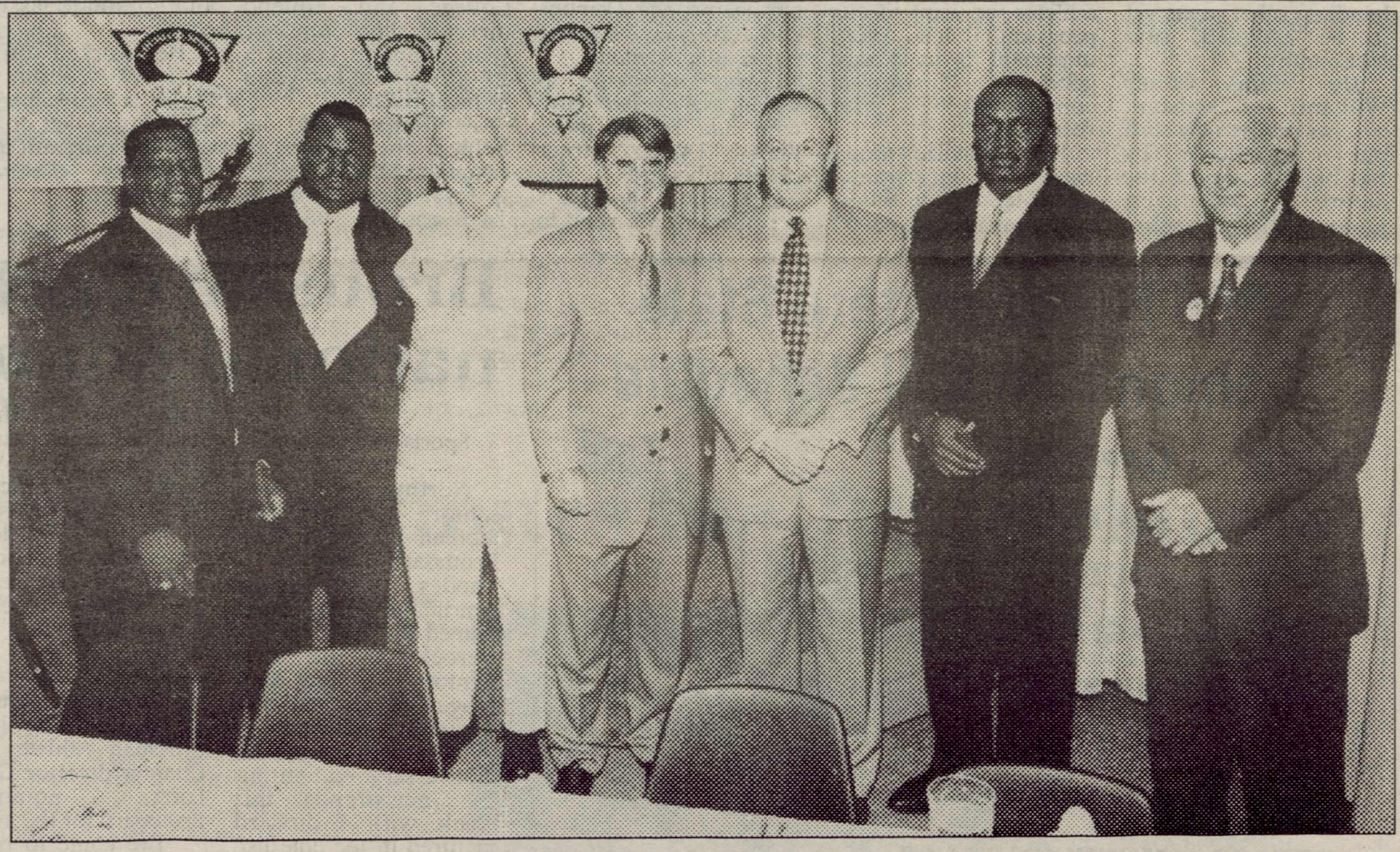
"It was kind of nerve-wracking once he put up the first-place mark and everyone was shooting at it, but he was clearly the best of the bunch," said Johnson. "He had a pretty good series of throws."

His previous best, 207-6, came in the Southland Conference Outdoor Championships where he finished third as the Demons claimed the conference title.

Frederick gives the Northwestern track and field program its fourth national title captured by a current athlete. His win handed NSU its first-ever USA junior crown.

The Demons have claimed two NCAA championships, with the men's 4x100 meter team winning the 1981 NCAA Outdoor title and high jumper Brian Brown soaring 7-8 to win the 1990 NCAA Indoor crown. Brown captured the 1989 USA Outdoor high jump championship.

Former Demon All-American LaMark Carter has won four USA titles in the triple jump after completing his college eligibility.



News Bureau

Joe Profit, Rickey Jackson, Dave Dixon, Pat Studstill, Dale Brown, James "Shack" Harris and Billy Allgood were inducted in to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame June 27.

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Simmons new asst. basketball coach

SPORTS INFORMATION

New Northwestern State basketball coach Mike McConathy has officially named Dave Simmons, who has 14 years of collegiate coaching experience, as an assistant coach.

Simmons, who helped McNeese State and Louisiana Tech reach NCAA Tournament play as an assistant coach, is a DeRidder native who was a three-time All-Southland Conference guard at Louisiana Tech. Simmons, 39, will the the Demons' primary recruiter in South Louisiana along with handling other areas yet to be assigned, said McConathy.

He joins Buzz Williams as assistant coaches on the new staff put together by McConathy, one of the nation's winningest junior college coaches before he took over the Demon program March 24. McConathy, 43, led Bossier Parish Community College to seven straight 20-win seasons, including national top 10 rankings in each of the last three years.

"Dave has very, very good south Louisiana ties being from DeRidder and having worked at the Division I level in our conference at McNeese for seven years," said McConathy. "Dave also has good connections in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas, which certainly should help us locate the kind of outstanding student-athletes we want in our program. It's very important for us to have good regional connections for recruiting.

"He epitomizes what I want out of our players," said McConathy, whose record-shattering career at Louisiana Tech immediately preceded Simmons' arrival and playing career. "His work ethic as a player is on the same level that I believed in when I played. Getting that approach across to our players and helping them understand what we must do to succeed is vital to achieving our goals for this program and Dave gives our guys a great role model in that regard."

Simmons remembers attending his first college basketball game at Northwestern's Prather Coliseum and recalls seeing McConathy and Louisiana Tech square off against the Demons and all-time scoring leader Billy Reynolds. "It was impressive to watch, seeing two guys who had scored more than 2,000 career points, and the excitement of those days is something we want to bring back to Prather Coliseum," he said. "My wife attended Northwestern and we are very excited to bring our family to Natchitoches and to be working with Mike McConathy."

Simmons was head basketball coach for two seasons at Edward Waters College, an NAIA institution in Jacksonville, Fla., along with his experience as an assistant for seven years at McNeese, for four seasons at Louisiana Tech and for one year at Delta State.

He also was assistant athletic director for two years at Edward Waters College and athletic director there for one year. Simmons posted a 27-29 mark in two years as head coach.

At Delta State, he helped the Statesmen reach the NCAA Division II Final Four during a 24-6 season in 1986-87.

As assistant coach at Louisiana Tech, he was part of a program that reached the second round of the 1984 NCAA Tournament and the Sweet 16 round of the 1985 NCAA Tournament along with the Final Four of the 1986 National Invitation Tournament.

As a college player, Simmons ranked fifth nationally in 1981 as a senior in free throw percentage and was named team captain and team most valuable player. His final two seasons as a player came under Coach Andy Russo, who hired Simmons to be a student and graduate assistant coach.

He worked on the staff of Tommy Joe Eagles at Louisiana Tech after Russo left to take over the program at the University of Washington.

1998 Northwestern State Demon Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
SEPT. 4	SOUTHERN	7:00
SEPT. 11	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	5:00
SEPT. 18	TARLETON STATE	6:00
SEPT. 25	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	7:00
OCT. 2	NICHOLLS STATE	6:00
OCT. 9	TROY STATE	TBA
OCT. 23	MCNEESE STATE	7:00
OCT. 30	SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE*	2:00
NOV. 6	JACKSONVILLE STATE	2:00
NOV. 13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	2:00
NOV. 20	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	2:00
NOV. 27	FIRST ROUND I-AA PLAYOFFS	

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Broussard gets national honor

Sports Information

Northwestern State senior All-American football player William Broussard who is a Rhodes Scholar candidate, has been named as one of the "21 Heroes of the 21st Century" By New Man Magazine, a national Christian publication.

The magazine's fifth anniversary edition hit the newsstands this week with Broussard featured in the elite list. Ben Strong, one of the students to emerge from the Colorado high school shooting tragedy earlier this year, is another of the magazine "21 Heroes for the 21st Century" and is pictured on the cover of the July/August Edition.

The story, including profiles of the 21 honorees can be viewed "www.newmanmag.com " on the internet.

Broussard, a senior English major, is being nominated for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship program by Dr. Randall Webb. Broussard carries a 3.75grade point average in the exclusive Louisiana Scholar's College, an accelerated liberal arts curriculum at northwestern.

Broussard is the president of the Northwestern Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA Chapter director Gerald Long nominated Broussard for the award.

"I've come to realize the great influence that athletes can have on a campus and a community," Broussard told the magazine. "That's why it's so important that people who are recognized for their athletic ability are people who are giving the credit to God.

Broussard anchored the offensive line last season as the Demons reached the semifinals of the national I-AA playoffs

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Cupp takes over 'Shockers'

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

After more than eight years with the NSU Crew, Head Coach Calvin Cupp leaves to become the coach at Wichita State University.

The Wheat Shockers offered Cupp a position as a full-time coach for the crew team. Wichita State funds the independent sport to the tune of $117 thousand dollars.

Here, Cupp has managed to develop an equally successful program with only a third of the resources.

"They [Wichita State] were impressed with how much we had done despite how little we were given," Cupp said.

The NSU Crew has been funded primarily by the student body, fund raising and the Student Government Association.

Wichita State also provides a full-time assistant coach, two part-time assistant coaches and a boat house.

Despite the obvious magnitude of such an opportunity, Cupp's decision to leave the program he helped found in 1988 was not an easy one.

"It's tough," Cupp said. "I went to school here: coached here. There's a lot of me in this program. I was in the boat the first time it touched the water."

After three years of rowing with the NSU Crew, Cupp moved on to LSU as an assistant coach in 1991 and 1992.

Later in 1992 Cupp returned to Northwestern to fill an assistant coach's position.

Calvin Cupp is one of the original members of the NSU Crew.

Then, in the following year, Cupp became the head coach of the NSU Crew rowing team.

Since then, Cupp has averaged between 30 and 40 students throughout the spring semester.

The future of the NSU Crew is uncertain in some respects. Faculty advisor, Dr. Lisa Wolfe, will increase her role in all events until a replacement for Cupp can be found.

Currently, a search is in progress to contact alumni of the NSU Crew who may be interested in the position.

Although crew faces some uncertainty in their future, Cupp is confident that the team will be able adjust to the transition.

"I really have a lot of faith the ball will keep rolling," Cupp said.

Cupp attributed much of the team's success over the years to the continued support of members of the Natchitoches community and students at the University.

Search continues for JFK's plane

From Wire Reports

Divers emerged from the sea Monday afternoon after searching "target" locations off Martha's Vineyard in hopes of finding the wreckage of the plane piloted by John F. Kennedy Jr.

The 10 divers from the Massachusetts State Police had been dispatched by boat from Menemsha Harbor on Martha's Vineyard to two debris sites identified by the high-tech NOAA survey ship Rude (pronounced "Rudy").

Officials said the USS Grasp arrived at about 2:30 p.m. EDT in the "operational area" southwest of Gay Head on the southwestern tip of Martha's Vineyard.

The ship carries remote-controlled underwater vehicles, called ROVs and a crew of 32 divers trained in deep-water dives.

Divers can delve to a depth of 190 feet. In addition, the ship can lift wreckage weighing up to 40 tons to the surface.

According to officials, recovering the plane's wreckage could take up to two weeks.

John F. Kennedy Jr. and his wife, Carolyn Bessette were married Sept. 21, 1996 in a private ceremony. Kennedy, his wife and her sister, Lauren Bessette went missing Friday in a plane piloted by Kennedy.

An accident investigation could take six to nine months.

The single-engine Piper Saratoga II HP, piloted by Kennedy, vanished on a flight from New Jersey to Martha's Vineyard.

Members of the Kennedy family on Monday attended a Catholic Mass at the Kennedy compound in Hyannisport on Cape Cod.

The prayers were said in the large white tent that was to have been the site of Rory Kennedy's wedding, now postponed indefinitely.

Webb plans for academic year

News Bureau

Strengthening academic programs and increasing the level of private support will be among the 1999-2000 objectives of Northwestern State President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

The Northwestern chief executive is starting his fourth year leading the institution and is rapidly moving to achieving important long term goals for the university.

In Webb's first three years, Northwestern has increased the number of nationally accredited programs by more than 30 percent. Twenty-eight of 32 eligible academic programs have earned accreditation. The other four programs are seeking accreditation. Webb wants to achieve 100 percent accreditation of eligible programs by 2001.

The university has also increased the level of external funding from federal, state and private sources by 73 percent. Private fundraising has also been increased. Last year, NSU received approximately $2,000,000 in private funds to support its programs. Under Webb's leadership, NSU has received three of the four largest private gifts in the university's 115-year history.

Over the past three years, Northwestern has maintained a steady enrollment despite a more competitive higher education environment. Webb is optimistic that the university will see an enrollment increase this fall.

This year, NSU plans to initiate a program to provide regular reviews for academic programs that do not have national accrediting agencies.

Over the next four years, all academic programs will be reviewed.

From the editor

Just to let everyone of you know ... this is the last issue of *The Current Sauce* for the summer. Our next issue will not be printed until the fall semester on Aug. 31. If there is anything you would like to see covered in the newspaper this fall semester, please do not hesitate to call us.

Wardville teen and boyfriend arrested on first-degree murder charges

A missing Wardville teen-ager and her 31-year-old boyfriend were arrested at the U.S.-Mexico border this weekend and charged with the murder of the teen's mother.

Thea Johnson, 18, and Anthony Fletcher, 31, both of Wardville, a small community outside of Pineville in Rapides Parish, are in jail in Del Rio, Texas.

Both face first-degree murder charges in the death of Johnson's mother, Linda Kile, 42, also of Wardville.

U.S. Customs and FBI agents reportedly stopped Johnson and Fletcher at the border Saturday afternoon when they were trying to cross back into Texas.

The suspects will likely be brought back to Louisiana this week unless they fight extradition.

Kile, Johnson and Fletcher were reported missing nearly a month ago.

When Rapides Parish sheriff's deputies went to the home of the mother and daughter at 103 Cedar Lane to investigate, they found blood and signs of a struggle.

Fletcher's family maintains that he is innocent and simply ran away with Johnson to try to secretly marry. However, she expressed her doubts about Johnson, who she said complained her mother mistreated her.

Fall Schedule of Events

Faculty on call -- Aug. 17
Residence halls open -- Aug. 22
Fee payment -- Aug. 23-27
First day of classes -- Aug. 25
Last day to add courses -- Aug. 30
Final day to apply for spring/ summer 2000 graduation -- Sept. 3

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Folk Festival celebrated La.'s French heritage

Louisiana's colorful French heritage was on display at the 20th annual Natchitoches - NSU Folk Festival this weekend in Prather Coliseum campus.

The festival was part of Francofete '99, a year-long commemoration of the 300th anniversary of French establishment of the first permanent colony on the Louisiana territory.

This year's festival showcased French-influenced traditions such as la boucherie (pig roast), tatting, French Creole cooking and egg knocking or pacqueing, as some call it.

Members of the Houma Indian tribe were on hand to discuss the tribe's French-influenced traditions.

As a new feature, members of the Festival staff held short interviews with folk artists and musicians on the East and West stages, providing an opportunity for audience participation and open discussion of folkways and traditions.

As always, music was an important element of the Festival, which has been recognized as a four-time winner of the prestigious "Top Twenty Events in the Southeast" Award given annually by the Southeast Tourism Society.

More than two dozen groups were featured on three stages featuring almost every musical style heard in Louisiana including Cajun, country-western, blues, swamp pop, gospel and traditional folk music.

Cajun artists such as Hadley Castille, Kevin Naquin and Blackie Forestier appeared along with Maggie Warwick and the Louisiana Hayride Band and popular Natchitoches area groups, Roque's Blues Band and the Cane River Gators.

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Natchitoches holds first-ever Bastille Day celebration

John W. Chambers
Staff Reporter

The sounds of the French Revolution played in my ear as I heard my friend from France, Guy Albrand, speak of wars long past and revolutions that would stir any spirit.

"Bastille Day," he exclaimed, "it is our Independence Day!"

He went on about the revolution and how it was similar to our own. Then as we pulled up to the celebration with our bellies hungry and our souls ready for music, he sang out....the French National Anthem. I knew the tune, not the words, but still reveled in the excitement of Bastille Day.

This excitement filled both our hearts as we entered the celebration, part of my own heritage as a citizen of Louisiana, and a celebration that could be summed up in the words FrancoFete, the year-long French heritage celebration held throughout Louisiana.

Bastille Day, just one of the many of the small "Fetes," primed the Natchitoches residents for the Folk festival held the following weekend. Bastille Day, traditionally on the 14th of July is much like our own Independence day for French citizens, but the people of Louisiana join in on the fun considering it to be just as much a part of their own heritage as it was for the young man I was with.

Iris Harper, director of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission, said city officials will take a look at the success of their first-ever Bastille Day to determine whether to make it an annual celebration in Natchitoches.

Besides giving people an interesting lesson in history, Harper said Louisiana residents were offered yet another way of discovering the state's unique culture.

> "Bastille Day, it is our Independence Day."
>
> Guy Albrand
> French native

The celebration began with a Farmers Market and sidewalk sales that had everything from art to food.

Harper said area businesses on Front Street participated in the day's celebrations by offering sidewalk service to patrons, creating a French-like atmosphere.

After the Farmers Market, children of all ages were invited to the Papillion music and storytelling on the riverfront. The children were told tales of the French and of their own Cajun heritage here in Louisiana.

Folk narratives rang out in Natchitoches as children gathered to hear the tall tales of lands far away and times long forgotten.

However, if you think that Bastille Day was nothing more than old folk tales and songs, you are wrong.

The evening celebration began with the "Restaurant Waiter Relay." This relay had the local waiters of restaurants running an obstacle course with a wineglass of red Kool-Aid.

The winner, a Papa's Bar and Grill employee, Courtnie Poche, shrugged as she said "...it wasn't very difficult, but a lot of people got wet. The hardest part of the course was the hurdle that you had to jump."

The winner of the race received not only praises from her co-workers but also a trophy for her efforts.

"A walk around an obstacle course once or twice can save you from red Kool-Aid stains," is the advice Poche gives to future contestants.

The exciting relay was followed by music from the Cajun band Monty & Marsha Brown and Roques Blues Band. Residents and visitors danced and sang. All ages were involved as the music was carried down the river by the lazy breeze of a southern town.

As the evening closed, the stomachs were filled, and the hearts were raised, we drove home.

At times it seems almost as if I had visited a little part of France with my friend Guy and at times it seemed as it was he that was looking on with the tourist gleam.

Either way Bastille Day was a great success for the residents of Natchitoches and all it participants, whether French or not, young or old, it was truly an ideal day for a "Fete."

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Lilith Fair goes out with a bang

Ericca Reynolds
Contributing Writer

PALO ALTO, Ca. -- In its third and final year, Lilith Fair is going out with a bang!

I was fortunate enough to attend Lilith Fair here in Mountain View, Ca. July 13 at the Shoreline Amphitheatre.

There were three different stages set up with different performers but all the good ones were on the main stage where we were sitting.

I made it in time for the first show at 5:30 p.m. which was Mya. She is an 18-year-old, hip-hop/R&B singer. While showing signs of talent, she played material that was weak, and her voice was overpowered by the backup band.

I was disappointed in her performance because I am somewhat of a fan of the young performer.

Following Mya was the New York group, Luscious Jackson. It's been two years since the group's hit single, "Naked Eye" and they have released a new CD "Electronic Honey."

I have to admit, I'm not a huge fan of this group and while they were performing, I was buying my AWESOME Lilith Fair t-shirt.....SORRY!

The Pretenders followed Luscious Jackson. From the second they started with "Popstar" from their new album "Viva El Amor," they were a hit with the crowd. The near-full house danced to the Pretenders' greatest hits—"Middle of the Road," "Message of Love," and "I'll Stand by You," one of my personal favorites.

It was a show stealin' performance and the crowd remained standing throughout.

Sheryl Crowe was next. Personally, I've never been a huge fan of hers but her performance won me over! She was awesome!! She sang "If if Makes You Happy" and "Everyday is a Winding Road" among many others.

"This ones goes out to all the men," Crowe laughed while introducing "Strong Enough."

There weren't many men in attendance, maybe 10 percent from my unprofessional estimation.

The next performer, Sara McLachlan, was the woman of the night. Not coming out on stage until 10 p.m., McLachlan was the performer I anxiously awaited for the entire night.

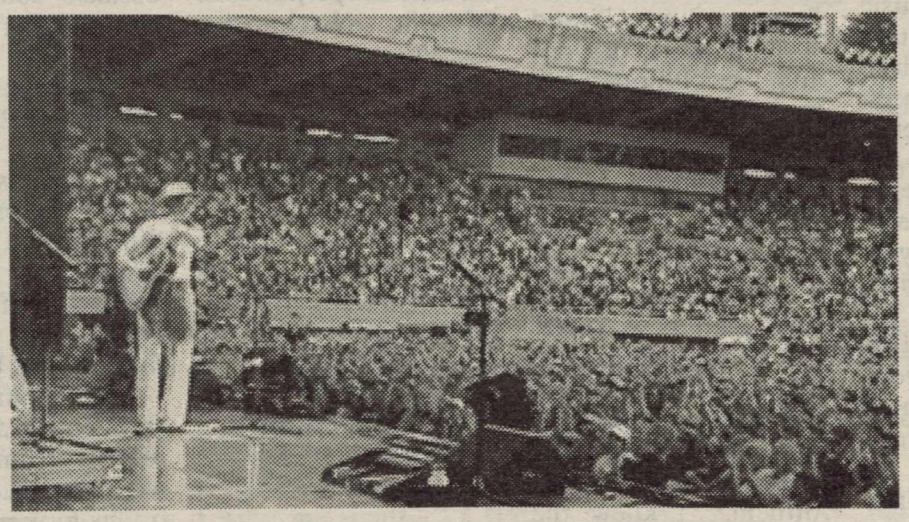
As I laid on my blanket underneath the stars, listening to McLachlan sing was pure bliss. She sang many of her hits "Possesion," "Angel," "Ice Cream," "Will You Remember Me?," "Adia" and "Sweet Surrender" among others.

She closed the show with her usual soft touch. She invited the other performers out for a sing along of Jackie DeShannon's "Put a Little Love in Your Heart."

Sandra Bernhard also made a couple of comedic appearances warming up the crowd between perforances. Bernhard poked fun at some of the new breed of female rock stars such as Fiona Apple and Alannis Morrisette.

I recommend to those of you in good ole Louisiana to try to catch one of the last shows of Lilith Fair that might be coming your way. It's definitely worth the $30.

Editor's Note: Ericca Reynolds is in California this summer doing an internship with Netscape. She is a senior journalism major.



Sara McLachlan performs before cheering crowds at Lilith Fair. After three years of touring around the nation, McLachlan decided to put an end to the concert, saying she wanted to spend more time writing music.

Onlookers enjoyed the first Lilith Fair performance of Six Pence None the Richer. This is the last year Sara McLachlan will host the concert.

Here are the top five best sellers in fiction, as determined by Amazon.com:

1. "Hannibal"
By Thomas Harris

2. "Mother of Pearl"
By Melinda Haynes

3. "White Oleander: A Novel"
By Janet Fitch

4. "The Testament"
By John Grisham

5. "High Five"
By Janet Evanovich

"Eyes Wide Shut" offers much to see

After much hype and speculation, director Stanley Kubrick's final film opened to the public.

"Eyes Wide Shut," a dark look at temptation and sexual obsession in marriage, is a bit on the strange side, to say the least.

The film stars the real-life husband and wife team of Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, who play Bill and Alice Harford, a wealthy New York couple with an adored daughter.

Before the movie was released, the rumor mill was abuzz with talk about what could be the sexiest movie of all time.

Gossip columnists reported that Cruise's character wore a dress in the movie, the couple played married therapists and there was plenty of nudity.

Well, two out of three of those rumors are false.

There is plenty of nudity in this movie. In fact, more than half of this movie consists of flawless, naked women walking around. (Sorry ladies, there is only one naked man in this movie and it is not Cruise!)

What made the movie even more mysterious was the death of Kubrick, shortly after the Cruises screened the movie for the first time.

Kubrick's film credits include "A Clockwork Orange" and "2001: A Space Odyssey."

The Harfords attend a lavish Christmas party, where they are both propositioned for an evening of pleasure. However, they both resist the temptation to betray their marriage vows.

Once home, however, a small argument develops, largely brought on by Alice's nasty little habit of smoking pot.

To sum it up, Bill and Alice are arguing over jealousy. Just because you are married, Alice said, doesn't mean you can't be tempted by someone else. To prove her point, she described to her husband a handsome naval officer she encountered while on vacation one summer.

Though she only looked from afar, Alice said she fantasized about being with this man and would have left "everything" to be with him, had he wanted her.

Hurt and confused, Bill spends the evening wandering the streets of New York, haunted by images of his wife in bed with another man. Bill will find himself in three very different, yet sexual, situations that will test his commitment to his marriage.

The movie's climax cannot be accurately described in words, but I will say Cruise's character manages to get himself into a huge orgy for the rich. This point of the movie is both erotic and frightening and will no doubt leave movie goers a little confused.

"Eyes Wide Shut" is not for everyone. Even those who insist on seeing the movie simply for the nudity may find themselves disappointed and a little confused at what took them two and a half hours to watch.

However, the movie does offer a realistic look at the complicated structure of marriage.

If nothing else, moviegoers should view the movie because it offers one last look at the work of a brillant, yet eccentric film maker.

Reviewer finds Mellencamp has still got what it takes to rock

Jay Lyles
Staff Writer

Crazed dancing, hit songs and 40,000 spastic fans may conjure up many images, but the situation this description best fits was last Friday's John Mellencamp concert at the Starplex in Dallas.

Mellencamp took the stage and teased the crowd with music from his new album, but he did not wait long to please it with the old classics.

His renditions of "Small Town," "R.O.C.K. 'N' the U.S.A.," "Hurt so Good" and "Wild Night" were almost more than the crowd could handle.

I found myself singing and screaming at the top of my lungs for the Spokesman of the Heartlands.

He danced and grooved religiously throughout the course of the evening receiving the gracious cheers of a satisfied audience.

He even accented each of his songs with a jump and swing of his fist that signified the last syllable of a song.

He followed what was an interesting format of playing four songs per set without talking.

In fact, his lack of communication was the one complaint I have about the concert.

The whole time I was there, I felt rather distant from the lead singer. He played great music; however, he only spoke on two occasions.

He spoke once when he said thank you. It was right before he played the ninth song of the night, "Your Life is Now." It was a beautiful song, but the only reason he talked was because he was alone on stage with only his acoustic guitar and harmonica.

The other time he spoke was to introduce the band. This took place right before the last two songs were played. As for an encore-FORGET IT! When it's over; it's over.

He puts on an awesome show though, and with the exception of Mick Jagger, I have never seen a musician work harder to entertain an audience.

The beauty of Mellencamp's show lies in the music. With tremendous songs like "Cherry Bomb" to save to the end, it could be viewed as a blessing that he did not talk, or we might not have heard them all.

All in all, I loved the show and purchased CDs afterwards. It is worth the price of admission to hear him do what he does best, even if he does lack what I like to call "the social skills."

This week's top 10 movies:

1. "Eyes Wide Shut"
2. "American Pie"
3. "Lake Placid"
4. "Big Daddy"
5. "Wild Wild West"
6. "The Wood"
7. "Tarzan"
8. "Star Wars: Episode I- The Phantom Menace
9. "The General's Daughter"
10. "Muppets from Space"

Is there something special you would like *The Current Sauce* staff to review? Movies, music, plays ... you tell us. Just let us know by calling 357-5381.

EDITORIALS

Columnist urges others to take responsibility for their actions

Chris Conway

I remember when responsibility was an attribute that everyone possessed.

Now, it is sad and ridiculous to see how people can not take responsibility for their actions. A few weeks ago, another jury awarded an outrageous amount of money ($4.8 million) to someone that used to smoke. I'm sorry but when did making a wrong decision entitle someone to that kind of money.

When you choose to smoke, you know darn good and well that it is not good for you. You know it can kill you for a number of reasons (It says so right on the package). I love a good cigar and have one occasionally.

That doesn't mean that if I get cancer or something that I should sue the tobacco industry. I knew the risks and I made a choice, so I will live with what life gives me.

Everyday, we make decisions and whether they are right or wrong, we have to live with the consequences. But, a lot of people just do not see it that way.

I mean, the jury actually AGREED with this idiot. Where will it all end? If I choose not to go to class, I must accept responsibility for what could happen.

I can not sue the school for not giving me an adequate education. If another car runs in to me, I will just sue the car company because surely the other driver had nothing to do with it.

If my cholesterol level is high, I will just sue McDonald's for coming out with the super-size Homestyle Burger meal or better yet, the meat industry for suppling the meat. Can we see what utterly idiotic nonsense this is! Take responsibility for your actions and stop trying to place the blame on someone else!

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

Jay Lyles

A few weeks ago, the government of Louisiana finally took a necessary step toward making schools a better place to get an education and learn about the reality of respect.

The Louisiana Legislature passed a bill that would require all children in kindergarten through fifth grade to address their teacher as ma'am or sir. Gov. Mike Foster later signed that bill into law.

The law makes it mandatory that all children use ma'am or sir, but leaves the punishment for not doing so up to the individual school board. It does, however, rule out the use of suspension as punishment.

This law will educate children on how they will be expected to address older people all their lives.

Some would argue that this law is pointless because these things should be taught to children at home, not in school. They would also argue that it is not the school's or the teacher's responsibility to educate the young people of this country on manners.

I am in complete agreement. These very same people, however, would argue that it is necessary to teach sex education in school and leave out abstinence because it is a moral issue.

The fact is that if parents will not even educate their children about the reproductive system, they are probably not going to teach them about manners. In today's world teachers can be expected to teach a child who does not belong to them about the most sacred thing that can happen between a woman and a man. It should, therefore, seem logical that they can be expected to send a child to the office for not saying ma'am or sir.

I believe this to be a wonderful law. It has been proven time and again that if a child is taught something early on in life that it will stick with him forever.

Children are very impressionable at a young age. That is why teaching them a fundamental courtesy rule like saying ma'am or sir at an early age and in the confines of a school will work so well. Children will learn to address their elders with respect and take what they have learned through school, college and into the working world.

Shawn T. Hornsby

Just two weeks ago I proudly sung praises for Governor Fosters influence on the helmet law. Now, I regretfully say that for every step forward the helmet law made for the people's right to govern themselves, the Governor's 'Yes ma'am, No ma'am' law has taken two back.

In a time when the country desperately attempts to save the young people of this country from self destruction his intentions seem admirable. Yet, the long term effects of this law may be more damaging than any of Hollywood's violent movies or the internet's destructive sites.

Respect, which is the chief goal of this legislation, is something earned not mandated much as trust, love or friendship. I have no doubts about the effects of the legislation in the beginning. Children will obey because they are impressionable and still learning many of their social skills and roles. Unfortunately, these same children will grow up with the burning question that you and I and everyone before us has asked...Why?

At some time in your life you have questioned something whether it was a law, a property of mathematics or the reason behind the sky being blue. What will happen when these kids look back and see what their government imposed on them and ask why?

Even more damaging is the realization that we will soon have generations of children who think that respect is something delegated to you by a higher authority. Millions of kids will grow up and strike out into the workplace and wait for their boss to give them the right to be respected.

The most disheartening is the fact that teachers will have even more paperwork to do. How much more crap will teachers have to do before they are allowed to teach?

Also, what kind of teacher has to have a law to get a third grader to say yes ma'am? Are we going to turn over the teacher's responsibility of controlling the classroom to the government now?

Across the page, Jay brings up the subject of sex ed. Sexual education is a legitimate course because it focuses on biological issues. It seemed only natural to watch videos on human mating and reproduction after my biology teacher showed me the mating habits of such creatures ranging from ladybugs to hippos.

Jay this is a fallacy and has nothing to do with respect.

Next all children will have to get identical haircuts, wear uniforms and salute the teacher like little Nazi SS troops!

Some may mistake this legislation for a conservative initiative but it is goes against traditional conservative attitudes of limiting governmental influence in the people's lives. Unfortunately, this was a liberal wolf in a conservative sheepskin which drew many people into approving it so that we do not experience our own school shooting.

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McConathy gets fresh start

SPORTS INFORMATION

There's a lot that's familiar about the 1999-2000 basketball season for Northwestern State.

Start with the fact that every player who finished last season with the Demons is back for this year. Northwestern exceeded expectations in 1998-99, a rebuilding year with five new starters, by going 8-10 in the Southland Conference and 11-14 overall.

Then look over at the bench and new coach Mike McConathy, whose lineage ties the Demons of the new millennium with the glory days of the program almost 50 years ago. McConathy's father Johnny was an All-American forward for the Demons in 1952, in a decade when Northwestern pasted LSU by 30 points, beat BYU and Arkansas and averaged 19 wins a season.

It's not quite a "Return to Camelot," but it's as close as Northwestern basketball will get. McConathy's mind-boggling coaching record in 16 seasons at Bossier Parish (La.) Community College, where his last seven teams won 23 games or more, bodes well for his soft-spoken determination to restore the Demons to their status in his father's day. McConathy, a high-scoring guard himself in the late 1970s at rival

Louisiana Tech, will step up the tempo and back off the intensity level from previous coach J.D. Barnett. Top guns should be 6-3 senior swingman Richard Taylor (25 points, 8 rebounds, 5 steals vs. Oklahoma State), who missed all or parts of 12 games with an ankle injury last year but still averaged 11.8 points per game; 6-2 junior guard Alann Polk, a career 39-percent 3-point shooter who led the team with 12.3 points per game; 6-6 junior Will Burks (8.3 ppg, 6.8 rpg), who averaged a double-double in a nine-game mid-season stretch; and 6-2 sophomore Ryan Duplessis (9.6 ppg), the highest scoring Demon freshman in a decade.

The Demons lack size and bulk, but they can rely on quickness and athleticism. This same group is the team that ended the eight-game SLC win streak by a much bigger and talent-ladened Northeast Louisiana squad last season, along with handing Lamar a 19-point pasting and splitting games with SLC champ Southwest Texas.

Northwestern is unlikely to overwhelm any of its SLC foes, but has shown the ability to beat any of them.

News Bureau

Richard Taylor will be one of many basketball player returning for NSU.

Dejute resigns as vball coach

Onikeku moved to head coach

SPORTS INFORMATION

Northwestern State head coach Mary DeJute, who has coached the Demon volleyball team since 1996, announced her resignation in order to take a head coaching position at Heidelberg College, a Division III school in Tiffin, Ohio.

Newly hired assistant coach James Onikeku will take over as interim head coach and will coach the Demons during the 1999 season. In her three seasons at NSU, DeJute, a native of Toledo, Ohio, compiled an overall record of 19-77.

Prior to Northwestern, she coached four seasons at Mercer University, compiling an overall mark of 52-93.

"We appreciate the effort she put forth during her years at NSU," Northwestern State athletic director Greg Burke said. "Mary has a great opportunity, returning home to Ohio and continuing to coach at the collegiate level." "We enjoyed working with Mary the past three seasons and wish her much success in her new endeavor."

Onikeku will be making his head coaching debut this season at Northwestern. He has held two assistant coaching positions prior to coming to NSU.

From 1989-1994, he served as an assistant at his alma mater Tennessee Temple University. He graduated in 1990 at TTU with a bachelor's degree in general business administration. At the end of the 1994 season, he moved to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He served as an assistant at UTC from 1994-98, while earning a master's degree in administration and supervision.

Originally from of Lagos, Nigeria, Onikeku has lived in the United States since 1985.

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Demons have bragging rights

KRIS COLLINSWORTH
SPORTS EDITOR

Do any Northwestern State Demon fan feel like they don't have anything to brag about? Here is list of just some of the spring accomplishments.

During the spring of 1999, The Demons saw their athlete shine among their competitors in the Southland Conference and the nation.

Like the football team, The women's softball team defend their conference title, despite losing their MVP and top pitcher. The Demon brought the title back to Natchitoches within a week of the Southland Conference Tournament.

The baseball team turned some heads, beating in-state rival LSU and UCLA. Northwestern State remained a half game away from winning the their seventh SLC title, putting them in second.

Senior shortstop Ryan Anholt picked the most preticious award, A GTE Academic All-American Nomination for Division I.

The men's track team pulled off an upset, edging out Sam Houston State 125-122.5, earning a Southland Conference title.

Nine Demons track and field athletes reached NCAA qualifying standard and four were invited to Boise. because their performances ranked among the top 20 athletes nationally. Topping that list was senior Kenta Bell, who ranked second in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump.

Bell also received All-American honors with an eighth-place triple jump at Idaho. He later place fourth in the triple jump at the USA Outdoor Nationals, won by former athlete LaMark Carter, the leading jumping contender for the US Olympic 200 Games.

For the women's track team junior hurdler Lakeisha Henderson was among 40 women honored around the nation as an Arthur Ashe Jr. Scholar Athlete in her sport by "Black Issues in Higher Education" magazine.

Also picking up All-American honor was center William Broussard. Broussard a Scholars' College student and Rhodes Scholar candidate, was recognized by New Man Magazine as "21 Heroes for the 21st Century."

Perhaps the great news came when Northwestern State had three pick in the NFL Draft.

Senior Cornerback standout, Jermaine Jones, a Buck Buchanan award candidate, went in the fourth round to the New York Jets.

Safety Kenny Wright was picked in the fourth by the Minnesota Viking and defensive lineman Robert Daniel ;eft for the Carolina Panthers in the seventh.

1999 Demon Spring Accomplishments

Conference championships in men's track and softball.

A GTE Academic All-America award winner in baseball.

Four individual qualifiers for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

An NCAA track and field All-America honor.

Three football players chosen in the NFL Draft.

Baseball wins over UCLA and LSU.

A USA Junior National Champion track and field winner.

A USA Outdoor Track and Field Championship titlist.

An Arthur Ashe Jr. Scholar-Athlete Award for a women's track athlete.

1999 Northwestern State Demon Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 4	Southern	7:00
Sept. 11	Southern Mississippi	5:00
Sept. 18	TARLETON STATE	6:00
Sept. 25	Northeast Louisiana	7:00
Oct. 2	NICHOLLS STATE	6:00
Oct. 9	Troy State	TBA
Oct. 23	McNeese State	7:00
Oct. 30	SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE*	2:00
Nov. 6	JACKSONVILLE STATE	2:00
Nov. 13	Sam Houston State	2:00
Nov. 20	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	2:00
Nov. 27	First Round I-AA Playoffs	

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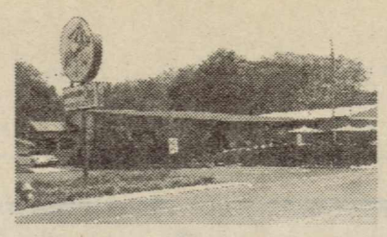

Find out what new businesses have opened in Natchitoches.
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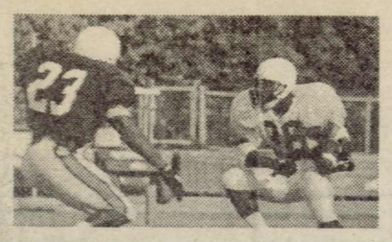

The Flames and the Furies duke it out on the gridiron.
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Photo by Gary Hardamon

Students fight long lines and tired feet as they endure fee payment last week in Prather Coliseum.

Adult novelty shop stirs controversy in Natchitoches

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

In recent months the Natchitoches City Council has been faced with controversy surrounding two businesses in Natchitoches.

Natural Mistik #1 and Natural Mistik #2, a tatoo shop and a sex toy dealership respectively, are the two businesses at the center of attention.

The two stores are located on Highway 1 South across from Wendys and Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Because the location of these stores is in an area of town that is highly travelled by teenagers, many citizens have begun to question whether or not businesses that deal in such materials should be allowed to operate within the Natchitoches city limits.

According to Mayor Joe Sampite, the First Amendment to the Constitution prevents the city from closing down the stores unless an illegal act is committed. Many citizens, however, would like to see more than that done.

For that reason, Mayor Sampite admitted that Tom Murchison, the city attorney, is working on a zoning ordinance that would prevent the opening of any new businesses that deal in these kinds of materials from operating in the business districts of Natchitoches.

Councilman-at-Large Wayne McCullen, who is a candidate for mayor, is a strong supporter of the ordinance.

He said that a similar event occurred a few years ago with alcohol near churches. The council made it mandatory for the area businesses to obtain a Business Alcohol permit in order to sell alcohol.

This permit requires a business to apply for the right to sell alcohol. If approved, the surrounding residents are notified of its presence and a meeting is held for them to express their feelings.

McCullen said that he felt a similar requirement for sexually oriented stores was a fair solution.

"I am in favor of a move to regulate rather than prohibit these types of businesses with zoning laws," McCullen responded when asked about the solution to the controversy.

He said that this is a very emotional issue in this town, and it took the city council completely by surprise.

The council held two meetings on the matter. According to McCullen, a store employee, Karmen, was invited to speak with the "massive number of citizens" who turned out for the meetings.

Currently, the Natural Mistik is scheduled for a grand opening on Sept. 1st. It will be the one-year anniversary of the store, and there are plans to combine the two stores at the Natural Mistik #2 location.

SGA/SAB are looking forward to new year

Josh Green
Staff Reporter

"Students need to know that they are a part of the system and to have a vote here at NSU," new Student Government Association President Shawn Hornsby said.

Hornsby is excited about the new semester and has many ideas on how to improve student participation in, not only elected senate positions, but other non-voting positions as well.

"We want students to know that if they have any grievances they can come to us. We are going to listen to these students because they are important," Hornsby said.

Not every student who par-

Not every student who participates receives praise they earn; therefore, they are in it because they want to.

"No, they are not getting much recognition. . . they're doing it because they want to be involved. We're looking for those kind of students and want them to know we have a place for them."

Hornsby also has big plans in improving NSU voter-turnout. He said he is really impressed with last semester's count to vote for the new I.M. building and is ready to use his power as S.G.A. president to promote future elections.

NSU's voter-turnout averages from 350-600 students. Over 1,200 voters showed up at the booths during last semester's vote.

Though the dream of build-

Though the dream of building a new I.M. is now a reality, questions of what will go into this new complex are yet to be answered.

Hornsby tells the Current Sauce that he will gladly take any suggestions pertaining to how the new I.M. building should be put to use.

"We want students to be proud and happy with this new building, and through different areas of student output, we'll make that possible."

Another person who is already hard at work this semester is Student Activities Board President Paul Motleon.

Entertaining NSU's student body is, as always, the S.A.B.'s main concern for this term says Motleon. He wants to make sure that there are more events throughout the school year in

throughout the school year in which students can take part.

"We want to make sure that NSU students are entertained, even during the time periods that we're off," Montleon said.

Plans to make a bi-monthly rotation to entertain students in residence halls are in the works.

"We want students to get something back that they can physically see for the ten dollars that we get out of the student association fee."

The Student Government Association is located in room 222 of the student union and holds its weekly meetings Wednesday at 7pm. The Student Activities Board offices are located right across the hall in room 234 and is now accepting applications to fill its positions for this term.

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Freshman enrollment up in fall

Raymond Williams
Staff Reporter

Although administrators could not give an exact number of freshman registered for Fall of 1999 until September 13, there are indications that enrollment is up.

Filled residence halls and large numbers of student attending this year's Freshman Connection all point to an increase in the freshman class.

This projected increase can be attributed to factors such as improvements in Northwestern's Financial Aid Office, a winning sports season, and the saturation of recruiting information throughout Louisiana.

Jana Lucky, Director of Admissions and Recruiting, stated "Everyone played a big part in recruiting this year".

Not only did the Admissions and Recruiting Office help to draw students to NSU, but the Greeks, Baptist Student Union, and faculty all participating in encouraging students to enroll.

Financial Aid improvements at NSU are also credited for helping to retain students as well as gain new ones. Some of these improvements include several computers on which students can apply for Financial Aid, eliminating some paper work. Also, more Financial Aid counselors have been hired to help students face to face.

TOPS has also been thought of as a tool in drawing more students to NSU. On the contrary, Ina Agnew, Director of Enrollment Services, stated "TOPS only helps to level the playing field".

NSU has been promoting the fact that 87% of its degree programs are accredited and that number is expected to increase soon.

"Students are intelligent enough to pursue degrees at institutions whose degrees are accredited," continued Agnew.

In an effort to avoid students getting homesick, the Student Activity Board (SAB) has planned many activities to help get all students involved on campus.

The projected increase is believed to help create a stronger school spirit and to push NSU and the Natchitoches community forward in a positive way.

However, "There will be growing pains..." stated Lucky.î

Columns parking to remain a problem

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Parking in the University Columns will be tight again, at least for another semester.

The new parking lot, to be located at the bottom of Greek Hill, was supposed to be finished at the start of this semester and would have brought relief to the parking problem in the University Columns. However, work has not even been started on the parking lot.

The construction of this parking lot will begin as soon as the paperwork is finished, according to columns management.

"What we are in the process of doing is updating the paperwork with all of the lending agents," Managing Director of University Columns, Aaron Babcock said. "The University Columns has to amend all of the leases and the financial documents to include the new parking lot." The process takes time and the lawyers for the University Columns are currently working on. Just how long this process will take is not known.

Babcock said the new parking lot will begin construction a few weeks after the paperwork is finished. He is hoping the lot will be finished by the Spring semester, but is unable to give a definite time.

"The parking lot is needed, it's desperately needed," Babcock said.

This delay leaves the columns with tight parking for residents and no guest parking for another semester. Higher occupancy in the University Columns this semester leaves the columns about 70 parking spaces short. The addition of the new parking lot will allow at least 100 more new spaces and will allow guests to park within the vicinity.

Currently, the University Columns reserves the right to tow vehicles that do not have a permit to park in the lot. "We will try to avoid that, but the only way to ensure they are not towed is they should not park within the fenced area of the Columns," Babcock said

After the lot is finished, Columns residents will only be allowed to park within the Columns lots and will no longer be allowed to park in the lower Sabine lot and Caldwell lot as the policy stands now.

Broussard honored as 21st Century hero

Gregory J. Gelpi
Staff Reporter

New Man magazine, a national Christian publication, recently named the University's William Broussard one of its 21 Heroes of the 21st Century.

Broussard, a senior english major in the Louisiana Scholars' College, is the starting center for the Demon football team and the only athlete named by the magazine.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Broussard, an All-American for the Demon football team, has received a high honor from a national publication.

"From day one William has been a leader," Head Football Coach Sam Goodwin said. "Whatever he can do to help his fellow man and his football team, that is what William has tried to do. He is not caught up in his own little world of what he can do for himself, but what he can do for others."

After walking onto the team without a scholarship, Broussard was one of the few freshmen to receive playing time. Since then, he has earned a starting position.

New Man selected its heroes based upon their ability to affect the future.

"He has set a good example for our guys [the football team] in the classroom and in the student body," Goodwin said. "I'm extremely proud. Obviously, you can't take too much credit for it, but it reflects on our program. It shows the type of men we would like to have up and down our program."

New Man named artists, musicians and scholars, but Broussard was the only athlete named.

"I was in real good company, some people doing some really awesome things," Broussard said. "I'm just one of many people doing something really good."

Broussard defies the stereotype of a football player.

"It [the article] shows that football players aren't just dumb jocks," Broussard said. "You're more apt to hear of athletes being suspended."

Broussard intends to use his position as an athlete to be a positive role model to all of his young fans.

Broussard currently serves as president of the University chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and worked over the summer as a Freshmen Connector. In addition, he is applying to be a Rhodes Scholar.

Gerald Long, director of FCA at NSU, recommended Broussard to *New Man*.

In October, *Victory*, the national magazine for FCA, will publish another article focusing solely on Broussard.

"I think that he has done a lot more for us than we have done for him," Goodwin said.

Briefs

One dead, three injured after accident in Campti

A Coushatta man is dead and three are injured after a one-vehicle accident Sunday morning. David Brisker, 20, of Coushatta died Sunday in the Natchitoches Parish Hospital from injuries stemming from a one-vehicle accident on La. Highway 486, known as the Campti Cut-off.

The driver of the vehicle, Jonathan Young, 20, of Coushatta, was headed southbound on La. 486 when he passed another vehicle, returned to his lane and drove onto the shoulder and grass, State Police said.

The driver then over-corrected his vehicle, causing it to rotate and slide. The vehicle overturned at Waddle Roadand and became airborne then rolled, ejecting three out of four passengers.

All four passengers were transported to Natchitoches Parish Hospital, police said.

Young and passengers Randell Nash, 17, Robert Demery, 19, all of Coushatta were listed in serious condition.

As of Monday, two people had been discharged from the hospital, and one was transferred to LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, said Pat Thomas, vice president of patient care services for Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

It is not known which patient was transferred to the Shreveport Hospital.

Officials said none of the passengers were wearing seat belts.

The driver was issued a citation for careless operation of a vehicle. Other citations are possibly pending, State Police said.

It is not known whether alcohol was involved, but tests are pending.

Dennis terrorizes Bahamas - Heads for U.S.

Hurricane Dennis swept over the Bahamas on Saturday on its way towards Florida and the Carolinas.

In preparation for the hurricane, 22,000 residents of coastal islands have been evacuated and the National Hurricane Center has issued warnings for the Carolinas.

Dennis continues to sustain winds of up to 105 mph. The hurricane's unusually large size have caused hurricane-strength winds as far as 85 miles and tropical storm-strength winds as far as 175 miles from the center of the hurricane.

The National Hurricane Center predicts that Dennis will turn to the northeast. If correct, the east coast will be spared the strongest part of the hurricane.

The National Hurricane center has classified Hurricane Dennis as a Category 2 Hurricane on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the worst.

The Ventura Strikes Back

Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura blasted a newspaper that criticized him for returning to the ring to referee a recent pay-per-view event, claiming he was setting a bad example for kids by promoting sex and violence. Ventura said the St. Paul Pioneer Press' criticism of the staged mayhem and scantily clad women was hypocritical because the paper runs ads for X-rated movies and strip clubs in its sports section, which children read.

Gongress urges Reno to further investigate Waco

After new information came to light surrounding the Texas, congressional leaders are insisting that Attorney General Janet Reno appoint an independent outside investigator to look into the situation.

After six years, the FBI admitted shooting potentially flammable cannisters of tear gas at the compound prior to its burning.

Following the FBI admission, a bi-partisan movement began to urge Reno to hire an independent investigator.

Republicans remain suspicious of Reno and her involvement, while Democrats questioned the FBI's involvement.

Reno previously testified before Congress that the FBI never fired any projectiles on the Branch Davidian compound.

Also in question is whether or not a military force was empoyed in the conflict, a violation of federal law.

Reno admitted that her crediblilty had been damaged by the new evidence.

Stray animals sentenced to death in the gas chamber

The Animal Care and Control Center of Corpus Christi responded recently to an increasing number of stray animals by installing a gas chamber for all unclaimed or unadopted animals.

About 79 percent of the stray animals are put to sleep in this way each year.

More than 14,000 dogs and cats were euthanized last year in Corpus Christi, about 400 were adopted, almost 1,000 were reclaimed by their owners, and 126 were transferred to the humane society.

Mild winters in the region allow more animals to mate and to survive causing the unusually high number of strays.

Lawsuit filed after death of woman in nursing home

L.C. and Ray Williams filed a wrongful death suit against Gamble Guest Care Corporation and South Park Guest Care following the death of their mother, Zettie Williams, on July 10, 1998.

Gamble Guest Care Corporation runs six nursing homes, including South Park Guest Care, the nursing home in which Mrs. Williams resided.

L.C. and Ray Williams claim that abuse and maltreatment by South Park Guest Care resulted in Mrs. Williams's death.

L.C. Williams became suspicious after bieing informed and observing a black eye and other bruises on his mother's body. A South Park Guest Care employee Odessa Hall was arrested in connection with the incident.

The suit is pending in 10th Judicial District Court.

Additional funding goes to increasing security in schools

With help from federal funding, Avoyelles Parish school officials increased security throughout the parish. Bunkie High School is the first of six schools in the parish to increase their security measures.

Students were randomly chosen to be checked by a hand-held metal detector, have their bags searched, and be inspected for the proper uniform requirements and school i.d.

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Seard named new coach

Stephanie Danby
Staff Reporter

He has shed sweat and tears with them, but he has never had the opportunity to coach them . . . until now.

David Seard, former crew team member, was officially named the crew team's new head coach this summer.

With eight years of rowing experience to validate his position, Seard is confident that this will be "one of the best years we've ever had."

Seard made his rowing debut in the New York Athletic Club. From there, he rowed for three years with the Key Biscayne Rowing Club at the University of Miami and has spent the past five years rowing with NSU's team under the coaching of Calvin Cupp, former head coach of the crew team.

"I have had the opportunity to experience all types of racing and all types of coaching styles," Seard said. "This is the first year that I'll be able to implement my style of coaching and hopefully instill in other people the passion that I have for this sport."

Seard's coaching style includes furthering the work effort of the crew team, improving the team's conditioning and incorporating more aerobic and anaerobic exercises into the team's practice sessions.

"What you do in practice is how you're going to race," Seard said. "This year, we're going to concentrate on the team's conditioning and their goals and expectations of me and my goals and expectations of them. Hopefully, this will be a smooth transition for the team from Coach Cupp to myself."

"It's going to be a very interesting experience having to listen to him as a coach after rowing with him in previous years," Yanna Frost, senior crew team member, said. "He has good ideas and goals. If everything works out, I think he'll be a good asset to the rowing team as a first-year coach."

Aside from the goals set for the team, Seard has set goals for himself as well.

Seard plans to convert the University's crew team from club varsity standing to the v sity level. Seard believes this not only help with recruiti but it will also enable him offer scholarships to his c team members for the first t ever.

"We're on the brink uncharted territory with th Seard said. "But with each o ers support, we should h fantastic results this year."

According to Seard, C has "received an opportunity push this sport further" and accepted a position with a va ty program at Wichita S University.

Anyone interested in join the crew team, please con David Seard at 357-5921.

Argus available this week

Greg Gelpi
Staff Reporter

The 98-99 edition of the Argus, the University's art and literary magazine,will be distributed beginning this week.

All students who were full time last semester are eligible to pick-up a copy of Argus in the Writing Center located on the third floor of Kyser Hall or in the Student Union.

Argus contains University students' original artwork, poetry, short stories, and scholarly essays.

"It will include winning submissions from last year," Wayne Burris, the editor of Argus, said.

Burris hopes to complete the '99-'00 edition of Argus in the spring .

Although a deadline has yet to be set for this year's edition, submissions will be accepted throughout the semester.

"Winning pieces are guaranteed publication," Burris said.

In addition to winning submissions, the Argus will publish other notable entries.

Any student who submitted artwork to Argus in the past, but failed to pick-up the artwork should conatct the Argus.

The Media Board appointed Burris to the editorial position in April.

A student self-assessed fee of one dollar per student covers the cost of operation and production of the literary magazine.

For more information on Argus contact Burris at waterseeker@hotmail.com.

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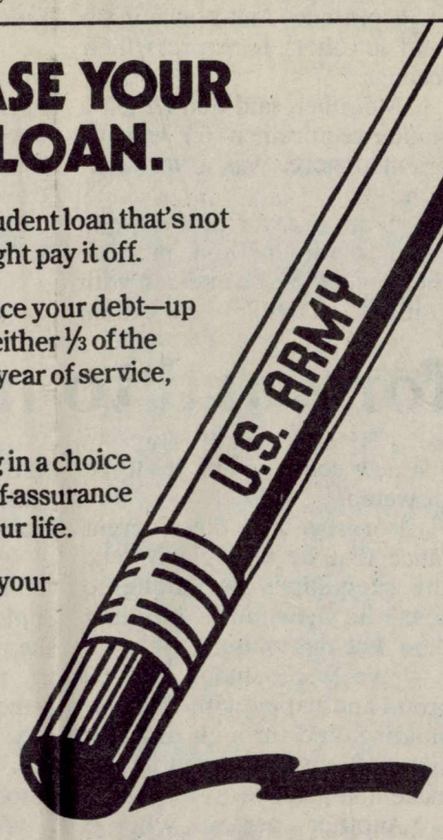

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University E-Mail and internet connections improve for the fa semester

Ericca Reynolds
Staff Reporter

New and improved internet access and e-mail is coming soon to NSU students.

The new alpha system that is in the process of being created for the students will actually be a bigger system than the one NSU is currently operating on.

"We are in the process of pulling the mail system off of our alpha and putting it on a separate alpha and increasing the number of phone lines coming in," said Dr. Anthony Scheffler, Director of Computer Center.

Presently, there are 52 dial up lines that faculty, staff and students share. Once the new alpha system is put into progress, there will be a total of 89 dial up lines only for NSU students.

Also, with this new alpha system, NSU students will no longer be using the PINE system which means students will not have to remember a username and password.

"Students will be off of the administrative system. They will be able to use Microsoft Outlook and Netscape and things like that which will be easier to send or receive attachments, pictures and do ments," said Deron Thax Systems Administrator.

With the current sys NSU students have had p lems getting on-line to c their e-mail because of the ited number of modems. solve this problem, forty tional modems have bought.

Not only will student able to get on-line, but they be able to get on-line quick

"Using the current sy a student can connect at and with the new system, a dent will be able to conne 56k," said Thaxton.

Also, with the new system, students will have webspace to store e-mails, pages, etc.

According to Scheffler Thaxton, the date of availa of the new alpha system is semester.

Instructions on how to the new system will be available to all NSU stud before the new alpha is put line.

Once the new alph available, those who have q tions can call the student desk at 6696 or the Comp Center at 5594.

Freshman writer takes a look at the new IM building

Kim Guillot
Staff Reporter

Ok... you're desperately trying to fight the battle of the Freshman 15" but you're refusing to be deprived of the awesome goods Iberville cafeteria has to offer.... so naturally you plan to head on over to the Intramural Building.

But... you're not too enthused about it because it's lot, kind of cramped, and somewhat limited. Well, it won't be that way for long thanks to some ingenious planning by NSU and some good ideas and votes from NSU's students. A brand new (sort of) IM building is just coming out of the planning stages and it is assured to leave you with no excuses.

What's so cool about this new IM building (besides all of the great new features and space to be added) is that it is going to be encompassing the old one. The outer structure is going to be kept the same in keeping with the older look of NSU. But what is inside will be everything but old. All new and updated cardiovascular workout equipment (tread mills, stair masters, etc.) will be added as well as four new racquetball courts. The workout area will be expanded from 8,000 to 10,000 sq. ft. and Aerobics will be in a separate room so you can get those buns of steel in semi privacy. If that's not enough to get excited for, there will also be an indoor jogging/walking track, bleachers, concessions, and a steam room/sauna is being proposed as well.

Why was there a need for a new intramural building? According to Mr. Mark Deshotel, "It's just not up to other schools' standards". Mr. Deshotel says that there are many problems with it. It was built in 1939 so the only air conditioning are those provided by window units in offices. He also feels that it would be good for Northwestern recruiting. Director of NSU's physical plant is also excited about it. He says, "The new IM building is sure to become a focal point at NSU. It's a tremendous addition and will be a place where students will want to spend their leisure time".

Many of the ideas were retrieved from NSU's students. They were asked what they felt the IM building should have so in the planning of it their ideas were accommodated. Most students are looking forward to it but some feel it was a waste and merely an addition to tuition payment. However, Mr. Deshotel feels that students will be much more excited when they see the finished product.

So Demons go ahead and make excuses to not workout now and lag along with 15 extra pounds, but in a few more months there will be no excuses.

Campus Connections

Attention Faculty/Staff/Students: The NSU Bulletin Board is up and running for the Fall Semester on Channel 22. If your organization has an announcement that you wish to air, call 357-4425 to request a form to be faxed to you, or come by the Journalism Department office, located in Room 103 of Kyser Hall and pick up a form.

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Counseling and Career Services: All students who are interested in locating off-campus, part-time employment may come by Student Union 305 and schedule an appointment with the Counseling and Career Services Office. Our office will assist you with the development of your resume, interviewing skills, and eventual placement into the business community. For more information, call 357-5621.

NSU Crew: An informational meeting will be held Thursday, September 2, 1999 at 7:00 pm in the Cane River Room of the Student Union. Come see what we're all about! Bring a friend! For more information about the NSU Crew, call Coach Seard at 357-5921.

Tailgating: Alumni, family and friends of Northwestern State University are invited to kick off the 1999 football season at a tailgate party prior to the NSU-Southern game in Baton Rouge this Saturday. The NSU Alumni Association and Athletic Association are sponsoring the hospitality tent, which will be set up across from the Southern University Lab School on the campus.
For more information, call Northwestern's Office of Alumni Affairs at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.

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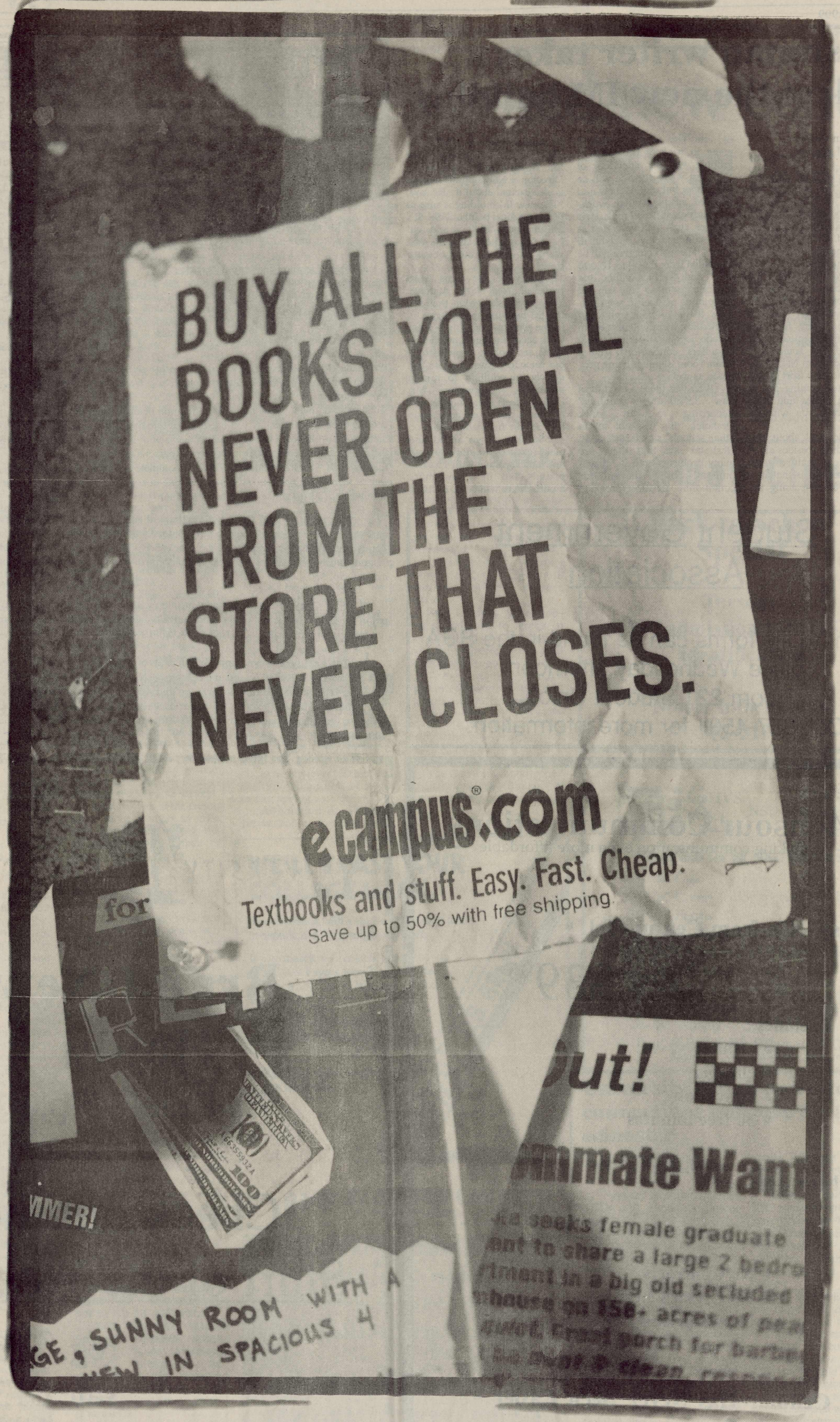

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One business new to Natchitoches, Magees Patio Cafe, has an outdoor covered eating area and a drive-thru. The cafe is opened until 10 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends.

Your Guide to Natchitoches' New Businesses

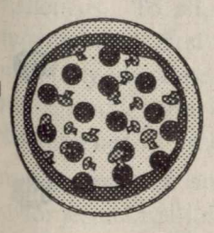
Mariann Noonan
FEATURES REPORTER

Welcome back to Natchitoches, NSU students. For those that stuck around all summer during the construction . . . sorry.

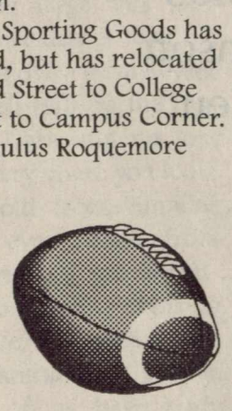
While you're trying to get back into the swing of classes, don't forget to check out some of the new businesses that have popped up around town.

Remember how pumped we were when Albertson's opened last spring? No more treks to Wal-Mart for cokes and Ramen Noodles. Get ready, that was just the beginning.

Students now have another option for dining out with the new Pizza Inn in the Albertson's parking lot. Sophomore Tara Newman thinks Pizza Inn will be a good addition and is ready for it to open.



Fisher's Sporting Goods has been around, but has relocated from Second Street to College Avenue next to Campus Corner. Owner Romulus Roquemore purchased Campus Corner's Greek inventory, so, Greeks, don't fret when you realize Campus Corner no longer carries your letters.

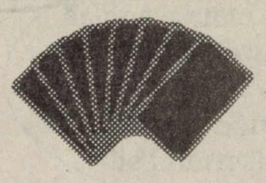


Senior Marcus King, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, says Fisher's has added to what Campus Corner offered for Greeks.

The sporting goods store also print T-shirts for any organization and sells dancewear.

Next door to Fisher's is another business new to Natchitoches, Quest Collectibles II.

Owner Allen Tinsley opened his third location here two weeks ago and bought Campus Corner's inventory of comic books.



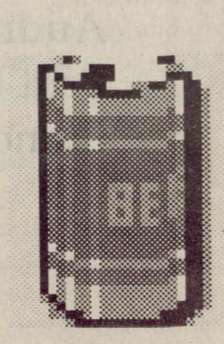
Quest sells sports card packs at a 15% discount, offers a Comic Saver Account for collectors at a 15% discount, and carries Beanie Babies.

Lee Woskom, owner of Campus Corner, said he decided to sell his Greek and comic book inventories in order to make room for textbooks, clothing and a "remainder" book department, which arrives in October. This will be a section with discounted books, the first of its kind in Natchitoches.

Students have probably also noticed that Magee's Patio Cafe is finally open across from Varnado Hall on College Avenue. They serve breakfast, baked potatoes, hand-breaded shrimp and oysters, Blue Bell ice cream, and a number of specialty sandwiches.

The price for a hamburger combo is $3.99, which could be a little steep for most college budgets, but Sophomore Aleshia Wilson said the food was good.

Owner George Celles, who also owns the Cotton Patch, plans to extend the hours for late-night customers if he gets a good response from students. Magee's is presently open until 10 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

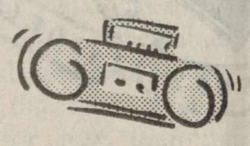


On the other side of town, at 247 Keyser, the Shop Rite gas station and convenience store has been in business for two weeks. Shop Rite is open 24 hours. They boast a Bourbon Street Deli, which serves po-boys, seafood, biscuits, and desserts.

Senior Greg O'Quinn finds it very convenient because it is close to campus and is always open.

Top Dog Audio is a new locally owned business in the Cane River Shopping Center on the strip. They carry custom car stereo systems, including Autotek sub-woofers and amps.

Owner Carey Ethridge says he has already installed systems for several NSU students and has the equipment to put plenty of "thump in your trunk."



Freshman transfer student Brian Small says they have a great selection of stereos and equalizers and are the "cheapest in town."

Imagination Video, also in the Cane River Shopping Center, has a new look under new manager Shannon Williams. They now have

arcade games and air hockey, as well as cheap rentals. New releases are $1.18 each day, and older movies are only $.59 each day. Their selection is limited, but for your "favorites," it beats $2.99 at Blockbuster.

Natchitoches is seeing its share of new technological companies as well with a Century Tel on Keyser Avenue and NeoCom Technologies on Jefferson Street. Both Century Tel and NeoCom sell cellular phones and offer Internet services. Century Tel also sells pagers, and NeoCom custom makes computers. Several other businesses have shown up across town, so it seems Natchitoches is moving up in the world. Check it out, NSU.

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FEE PAYMENT FRENZY

Freshmen discover the horror of fee payment during their first week at NSU

Kim Sayer
FEATURES REPORTER

It's that time of the year again when the students of NSU register and pay fees for the Fall 1999 semester. For new students and freshman though, this procedure was a new experience in itself.

Due to the record high attendance at NSU this year, many students found themselves waiting in the long, hot and crowded lines in the lobby of Prather Coliseum. Many students spent several hours seated in the coliseum because of the long lines and many delays.

Business Affairs worker, Pam Cook said, "It's hard to say right now exactly how many more students there are from last year until we get an official count, but that could very well be the cause of the long lines."

"The line that I stood in was so long," Keisha Morris, freshman social work major, said. "Something should have been done about that."

Registration and fee payment started on Aug. 23 and ended on Aug. 27. Students who waited until Friday paid a late fee of $50.

Fee payment was not without a few problems. Late Thursday afternoon, the i.d. printer crashed causing students to return Friday to pick up their i.d.'s.

Students who pre-registered during Freshman Connection said they went through fee payment lines much quicker than those who did not attend Freshman Connection.

"Freshman Connection turned out to be a good thing for me," said freshman Stephanie Verwyvelt. "I didn't have to go through the hassle and stand in the long, hot lines that everyone else did."

During registration and fee payment, students paid all tuition, housing, and meal plan fees. Students also had the opportunity to purchase parking stickers and take student ID pictures.

Students also complained at the new parking permit procedures. Beginning this semester, students needed vehicle insurance before receiving a parking permit.

Freshman Katie Younger, a hospitality, management and tourism major, said, "After waiting in that long line and going all the way through the checkout line, I had to go all the way back just for a parking sticker!"

Students also had the chance to apply for student loans and check on the status of their scholarships.

"I stood in line for three hours," Tara Anderson, freshman pre-veterinarian medicine major, said. "I thought it was going to be much quicker and easier than it actually was. Instead, it turned out to be such a pain."

Many students agree, fee payment was something freshmen did not expect, and certainly do not want to go through for a long time.

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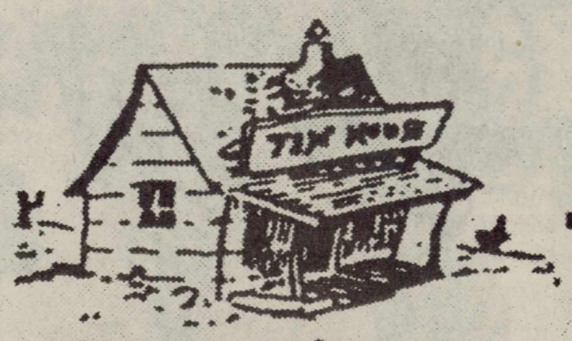
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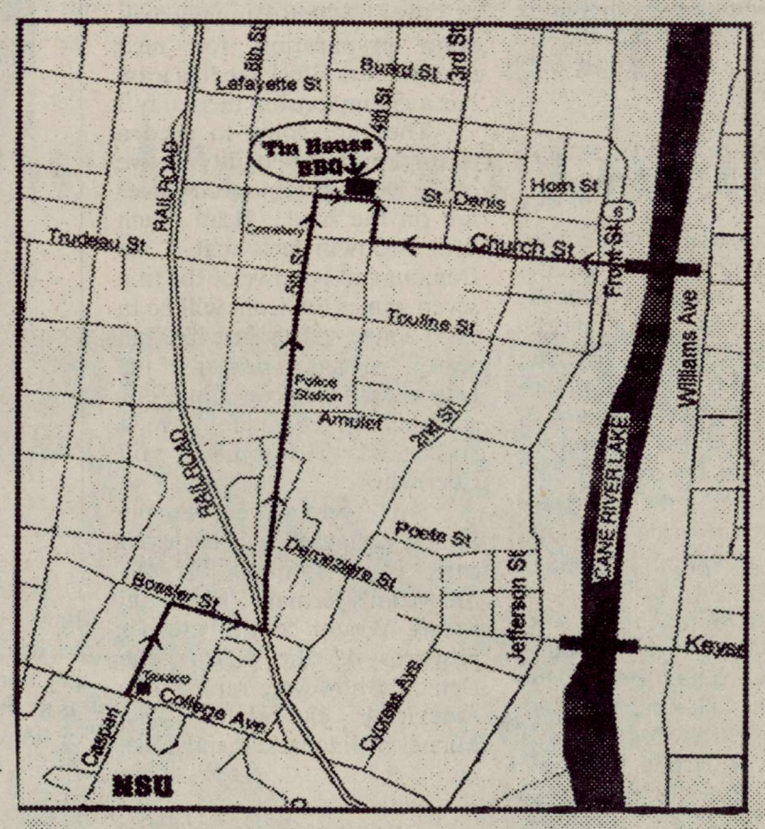

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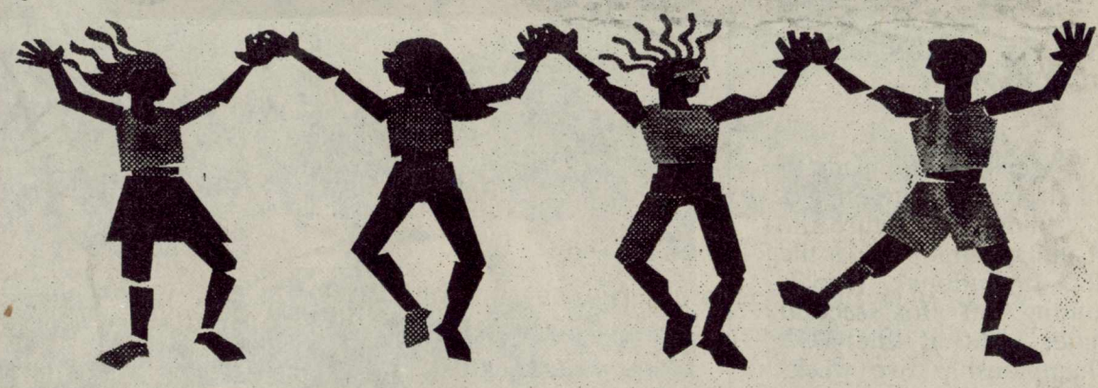
Columnist calls Northwestern to submission

Shawntell Lewis

Welcome back to all returning faculty, staff, and students to a new semester that is sure to be filled with excitement and many challenges. To all of our new students and first-time freshman, I say welcome to our campus and the City of Natchitoches. I greet all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for this is the day that the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad in it! Isn't the number of people on campus quite large this fall? Indeed it is because it took me 20 minutes to drive from Keyser Hall to Russell Hall on the first day of class. Cars, students, and more cars everywhere you look! New faces, old faces, familiar friends and even people from other countries all are assembled here to acquire skills to succeed in life. I wondered out of all these thousands of people, how many of us have truly accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior? This thought drove me to continue writing this column to admonish every person on this campus to repent of your sins and be saved! Getting an education, meeting new people, dating, traveling, having prestige and being financially secure are great endeavors but are you saved? Are you, right now, in this phase of your life leading a lifestyle that is pleasing in the sight of God and living in his perfect will? For far to long, people have pursued everything that is only for a season but have forgotten to seek after those things that are eternal. In Matthews 16:24-26, Jesus spoke these words saying, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" I beg you not to exchange your soul for anything or anybody! The most important decision you will ever make is to accept Jesus Christ into your heart. For it's in the presence of the Lord that there is the fullest of joy and in his presence let all your needs be made know. For it is He, and He only, that can wash you white as snow, justify, purge, purify, and glorify whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord. How do you accept Jesus Christ into your life? First, you confess your sins to God in all sincerity and ask for his forgiveness. Then, follow Romans 10:9, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Now, ask him to fill you with his spirit as St. John 14:16-18 speaks of, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." Finally, began attending church regularly, seek and follow hard after him to fulfill his will for your life. Continue to stay before him in prayer, study your Bibles daily to grow stronger in the knowledge of him. While you're maturing in his Word take someone along with you. Let's raise the standard in our lives and submit ourselves to Him, our Redeemer. Remember Northwestern-only what you do for Christ will last. This world will pass away soon but His Word shall stand forevermore...



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Football looks to three-peat

Bryan Satawa
Staff Reporter

The fortunes of the Demon football program have taken off in the past two years, and because of this the fans expectations have risen as well.

Losing in the NCAA I-AA semifinals to Massachusetts has not only the fans but the players themselves wanting more. (NCAA I-AA national championship) William Broussard the Demons All-American center echo's his teammates feelings.

"When you get that close to a national championship and you can't get it done there's not a lot you can find to console you at a time like that. It really fuels your preparation for next season. Now I feel like this team has a championship mentality."

They are going to need a championship mentality as five of the Demons first seven games are on the road. Head coach Sam Goodwin feels that if the Demons can win five of the first seven games the team will be in good shape. "It is just like last season we have to beat all of the Louisiana schools on our schedule in order to have a successful season," said Goodwin.

This year the "Purple Swarm Defense" will be tested early as the Demons lose All-American's Jermaine Jones and Kenny Wright to the greener pastures of the NFL. The Demons, however, return All-American candidates Jake Michel at linebacker and Mike Corless and Jack Curtis will have their hands full as they try to find new starters for these positions on the defensive line as most of the players have little or no real game experience.

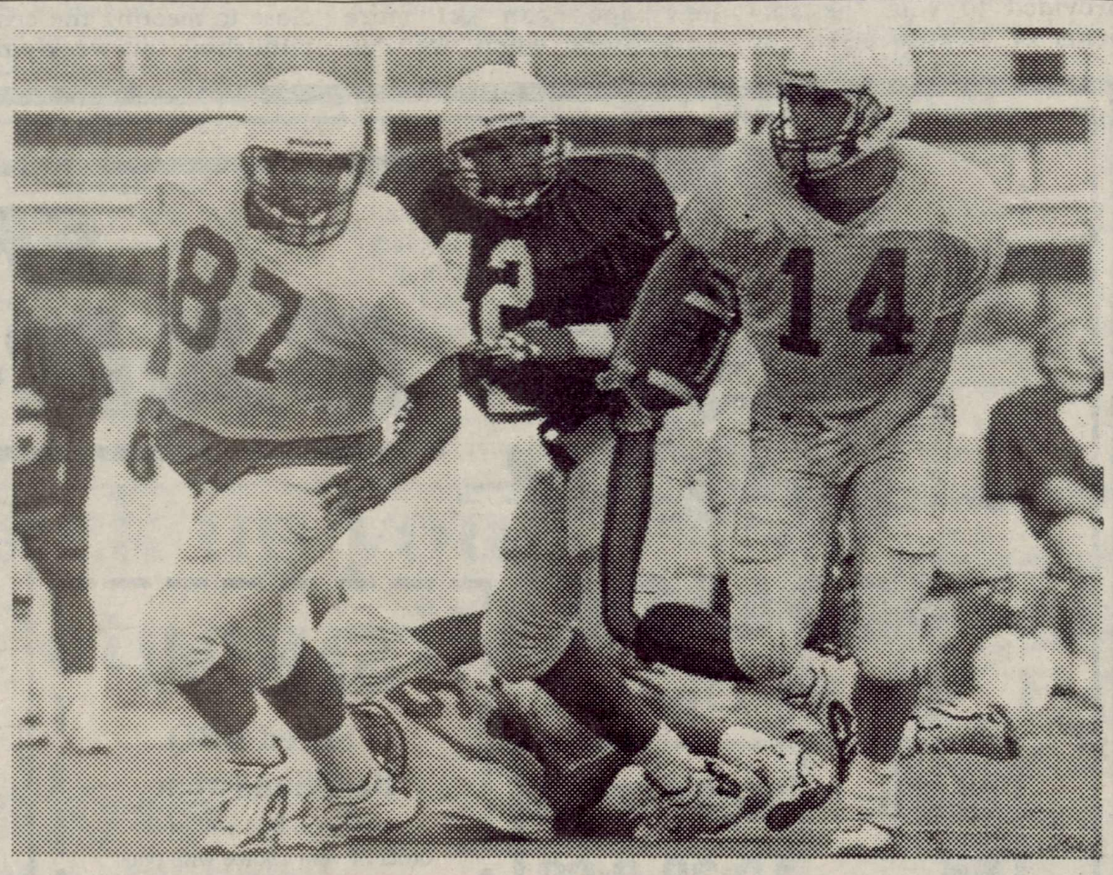
The good news is that although the Demons defense may give up a lot of points early on in the season it might not matter, because the explosive offense returns eight starters from last years team. The only key losses on the offense are running back Ronnie Powell who is playing for the Cleveland Browns in the NFL and fullback Brian Jacquet. Quarterback Brad Spangler returns along with All Southland Football League running back Tony Taylor. Spangler will be throwing to wideouts Nathan Black, Eric Granger, Chris Pritchett, T.J. Sutherland and tightend Jeromy McCullough.

Offensive line coach Blak Miller feels very good about h offensive line. "We are going t have some athletic vetera players up front this year," sai Miller. Miller thinks that wit the addition of junior colleg transfer Oscar Comeaux an converted defensive linema Zach Rogers along with Al American center Willia Broussard the line will be eve better than it was last year.

The 1999 edition of th Demon football team will b good this year.

How good is the questio One could side with Coac Goodwin and think that if th Demons win five of their fir seven games they have a goo chance to win not only th Southland Football League tit but the NCAA I-AA national tit as well. Look for the Demons t finish with a 8-3 overall recor and 6-1 in the Southlan Football League which will giv them their third straig conference title. If they do th they will be only the secon team in conference history t win three SFL titles in a row. I the playoffs it all depends on we are at home for the first tw rounds and the "Purple Swarm defense matures quickly an plays like they did last season.

The season opener is th Saturday in Baton Rouge as t Demons face off with th Southern Jaguars and there a still a few tickets left for anyo who wants to go down to t game. Call the NSU fieldhou at 357-5251 if you need ticke to the game.



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The 1999 Demon football Season kicks off its opening season Saturday when they take on the Southern Jaguars. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Briefs

Former Demon track All-American places 6th

Former Demon long jumper and triple jumper Lamark Carter finished 6th in the triple jump at the World Track and Field Championships in Seville, Spain. Carter who was a four time All-American in the long jump and triple jump when he competed for the Demon track team from 1991 to 1993, jumped 56 feet 1 inch to finish in the sixth spot.

The World track and Field Championships are considered next to the Olympics the biggest event or meet that a track and field athlete can compete in. This performance puts Carter in a good position next year at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney and he will be considered one of the favorites to medal in the triple jump

Cowboys have easy time with Broncos

A reassuring game for Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and the Dallas Cowboys couldn't have been more discouraging for Bubby Brister and the Denver Broncos. Dallas first-team offense rebounded from three poor games by scoring on four of their first five drives of what turned into a 22-12 exhibition victory Sunday night.

It was the first preseason win for Cowboys coach Chan Gailey, who had been 0-8 over two summers. The Cowboys, whose 0-3 preseason start had many of the same offensive doldrums as their 2-4 skid to end last season, were as impressive as Denver was bad.

Woods wins NEC Invitational

Tiger Woods made a clutch birdie putt on No. 17 Sunday to capture the $1 million first prize at the NEC Invitational. Woods, coming off his second major title at the PGA Championship two weeks ago, held off a charge from Phil Mickelson in the final round. Mickelson shot a final-round 65, but bogeys on Nos. 16 and 18 caused his comeback bid to come up one stroke short.

Liberty bounce Sting in Game 3

The New York Liberty, behind Crystal Robinson's 18 points, advanced to the WNBA finals with a 69-54 victory over the Charlotte Stings on Monday night. Robinson was 7-for-8 from the field to help the Liberty clinch the Eastern Conference title in the decisive game of the best-of-3 series against the Stings.

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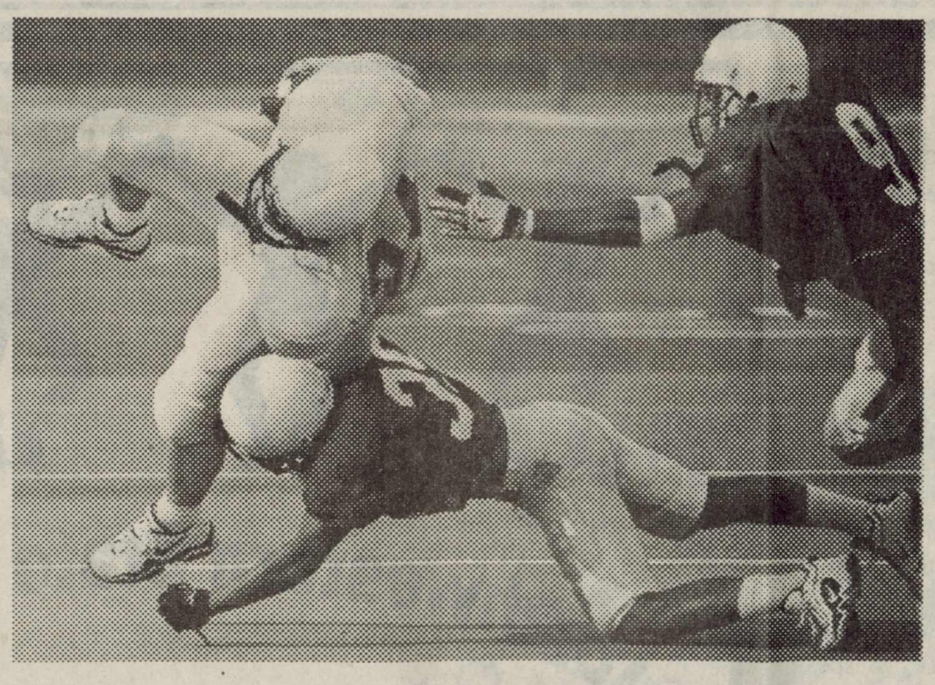

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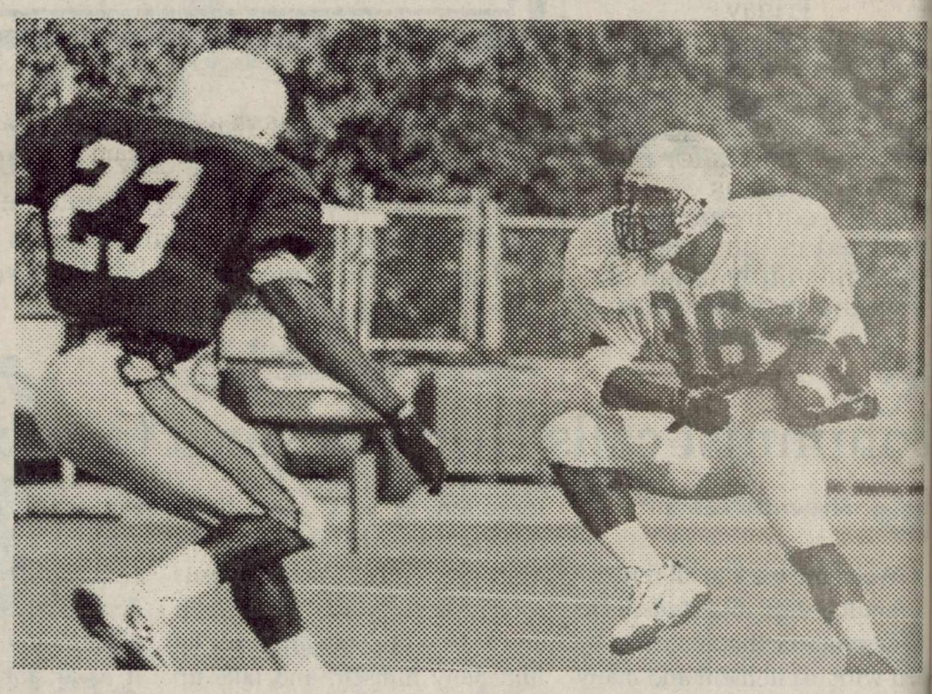
B.J Williams gives it an all-out effort in last Thursday's scrimmage. Williams will be one of the many defensivee player trying to fill 8 spots vacated by graduating seniors.



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Preseaon All-SLC tailback Tony Taylor eludes the defvense in Thursday's scrimmage. The Demons will open the season on the road against in-state rival Southern this Saturday.

Men's cross-country team feels confident in upcoming season

Jay Lyles
Staff Reporter

With fall sports on the way, many people are gearing up for football. While football players are banging each other around, the best distance runners in NSU history are preparing for the grueling season of three-mile runs.

Junior hometown walk-on sensation Bobby Deramus and future All-American Kyle Thomas both see this season as a turning point for NSU's Cross-Country team.

"We have the strongest team ever with lots of good veterans coming back," said Thomas. "We have a strenuous practice program that has put everyone ahead of where they were at last year."

Another star member of the cross-country team, Chris Baker, is ready for the season.

"I believe that the key to this team's success will be keeping everyone healthy," said Thomas of the team's chances to win the conference.

NSU took fourth in the standings last year and are favored for third place this year. As Baker pointed out, however, there have been many injuries in the preseason. Both Baker and Thomas have suffered injuries along with Todd Boddie, another key member of the team's success last year.

Boddie said of his injury that he is fully recovered and ready for the season.

"I'm fully recovered from the minor injuries that I received during the grueling training season, and I am ready for the first meet against SMU on the [September] 16th," he said.

On the final note, track phenom Hector Andujo is having his best training season ever.

"I feel fine, and I am turning out my best times ever," said Andujo. "I just hope that our fellow students will take the time to come out and see us represent NSU in what could be the best cross-country season ever."

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Demon center named Rhodes candidate

Cade Brumley
STAFF REPORTER

This fall at NSU, we are fortunate enough to have not only a man who excels on the gridiron, but also blazes a trail through life. William Broussard, a senior center for the Demons has been announced as a candidate as Rhodes Scholar.

Rhodes Scholarships are awarded based on the principals outlined in the will of the late Cecil J. Rhodes, a British colonial pioneer and statesmen. The recipients of these limited scholarships are given the opportunity to further their studies at Oxford in England. Rhodes dreamed of bettering humankind by motivating future leaders. Rhodes desired the administrators of his will to seek qualities of excellence in young people that would contribute to the world's fight.. The will contains 4 standards by which prospective candidates are judged.

-Literary and Scholastic attainments
-Fondness for and success in sports
-Truth, courage, devotions of duty, and fellowship
-Moral force of Character who leads others

The annual authorization of 32 Rhodes Scholars in the United States provides the largest of the National delegations, however, only supplies a minority of the total. Scholars from 18 other countries join the American contingent. To say that this is an elite group is an understatement.

After an intense evaluation of each candidate the selection panel chooses the finalist. Although one is selected as a Rhodes Scholar, that person is not automatically admitted to the University. Oxford also has a rigorous evaluation of each individual who applies to their university. Once admitted to the University, a Rhodes Scholar will begin his studies in October, following the year after elected.

Broussard is optimistic concerning his chances for this award but also understands that every candidate has strengths and is doing their best job to sell themselves.

"You can be the brightest kid in the world but it's still a dark horse" says Broussard regarding his chances.

Broussard knows that this is a great opportunity for recruitment to the Louisiana Scholars College and the University.

Active in various aspects of Campus life, a major priority for Broussard is his involvement as the president of the NSU chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The FCA has been formed to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving him in their relationships and the fellowship of the church. Also, Broussard was recently named as "21 Heroes for the 21st Century" by New Man magazine.

Broussard attends the Louisiana Scholars College where, according to Dr. Cochran he is a well-rounded positive influence on his classmates. "We love William" were the first words out of Cochran's mouth. Integrity summed Broussard in one word for Cochran. His achievements will be a positive influence on the Scholars College.

NSU head football coach Sam Goodwin considers Broussard a solid individual in all aspects of life. He knows who he is and know where he's going, says Goodwin .

Ten years from now, Broussard plans to be finished with grad school and his doctorate. He plans to attain a professorship and continue his work with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Fitness and discipline key for Demon soccer

Kaleb Breaux
STAFF REPORTER

Under new management, fitness and discipline are the goals the 1999 Northwestern State Demons' Soccer team have set this season.

After a somewhat better 9-9-2 record in 1998, the Demon soccer team is now under new management.

Jimmy Mitchell was named the Demons' head coach after former coach Pete Watkins signed with Ferris State earlier this summer.

With an impressive soccer background, Mitchell has set many goals for his inaugural season at Northwestern. During his seven years of coaching soccer, Mitchell has a 20-4 record at Belmont Abbey College as well as a NCAA Division II Elite Eight appearance last fall.

"Clearly, Jimmy has the ability to take a women's soccer program on the Division I level as demonstrated by their performance last year, taking Belmont Abbey to the Elite Eight in the Division II national championships.

Fitness and discipline are two of the goals that have been met during preseason.

Senior Kelly Knapschafer feels that the team has a new outlook on their upcoming season due to the fact that the Lady Demons are now more physical than they have been in the past. Knapschafer now feels by being physically fit that the Lady Demons can "go all out" to do what it takes to win.

"No one should be able to out work us," says Coach Mitchell.

Coach Mitchell, when asked about goals, also stressed work ethic. He says with a good work ethic the Lady Demons will be consistent competitors for a conference championship.

"We must continue to challenge ourselves to get to the next level," declares Coach Mitchell.

This is very relevant in the 1999 schedule. Picked to finish third in the Southland Conference, the Lady Demons' early schedule is tough. With teams like the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, and the Tulane University; the Lady Demons will see where they stand as a team. However, Coach Mitchell says as long as he is at Northwestern the schedule will continue to get tougher.

The Lady Demons have thirteen returning from last season, including sophomore Brittany Cargill who led the team in goals with thirteen last season. However, the Lady Demons have eight freshmen faces on the squad this season. Junior Stephanie O'Neil feels that these elite eight are a bright future for Northwestern soccer.

With a new coach and a new attitude, the Lady Demons of Northwestern State are strong competitors for a Southland Conference championship.

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Lady Demon soccer gets competitive even during practices. This year, for the first time, the winner of the Southland Conference Tournament will play for the right to go to the NCAA Soccer Tournament.

Demon Volleyball in rebuilding state in 1999

Rondray Hill
STAFF REPORTER

If ever the term "rebuilding year" applied to any certain team, the 1999-2000 Demon Volleyball team probably best fits that mold.

With only five players returning from last year's team and welcoming new head coach James Onikeku, the Demons will work to improve from a 5-26 season. The majority of this year's preseason practices have been spent on letting the newer members adapt to the college game.

"I'm pleased with where we are at right now as a team," said new head coach Onikeku. "The girls are working hard and improving each day."

Improvement should not be too difficult from this team as last year the Demons only won two conference games. The Demons also have not reached the SLC tournament since 1990.

Stepping up for the Demons this year will probably be sophomore outside hitter Lisa Abner. Abner led the team last year in kills (229) and 2nd on the team in aces (22). The Demons added some punch over the offseason, bringing in two Junior College transfers, middle hitter April George and outside hitter Elizabeth Perez, both out of Florida.

"Since they have played at the college level before, they just have to become familiar with a new system of coaching."

George and Perez will join the five returning members from last years team. Including Abner are Missy Krause, Lori Dyer, Kim Hand and Jessica Smith. Smith and Dodd will be the only two returning seniors.

Also joining this year's squad are freshman middle hitters Jeanette Baldwin and Christina Stone. Stone, 5'11", was recruited from The Woodlands, TX, a highly recruited area for Northwestern.

The Demons will start the season ranked 9th out of 11 teams in both the preseason SLC coach's poll and sports information director's poll, which does not put too much pressure on the team. It's a spot that Onikeku expected but feels his team is better than.

"That's kind of what I expected," said Onikeku. "Our team has a new coach and seven new players, so I can understand the selection. But our goal this year is to be one of those top six teams in conference and advance to the tournament."

The Demons start the season with four straight road games, including games in the Troy State Invitational Sept. 3-4. Later in the month, the Demons will also square off in the Tulsa Tournament on the 10 and 11 before playing their first home game September 17.

The Demon Volleyball team will field a more youthful team. Along with a new coach, the Demons only return 5 members from last year's team.

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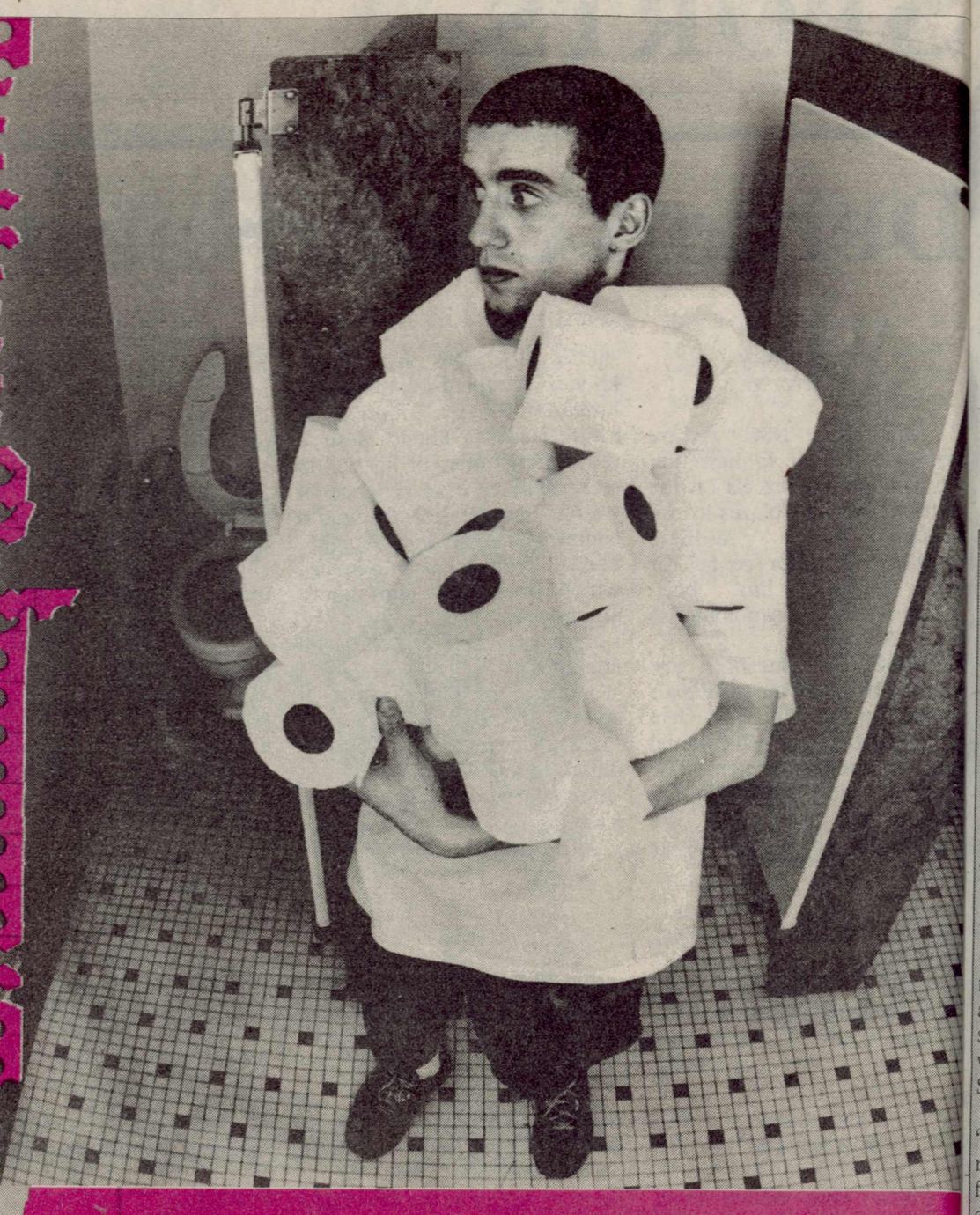

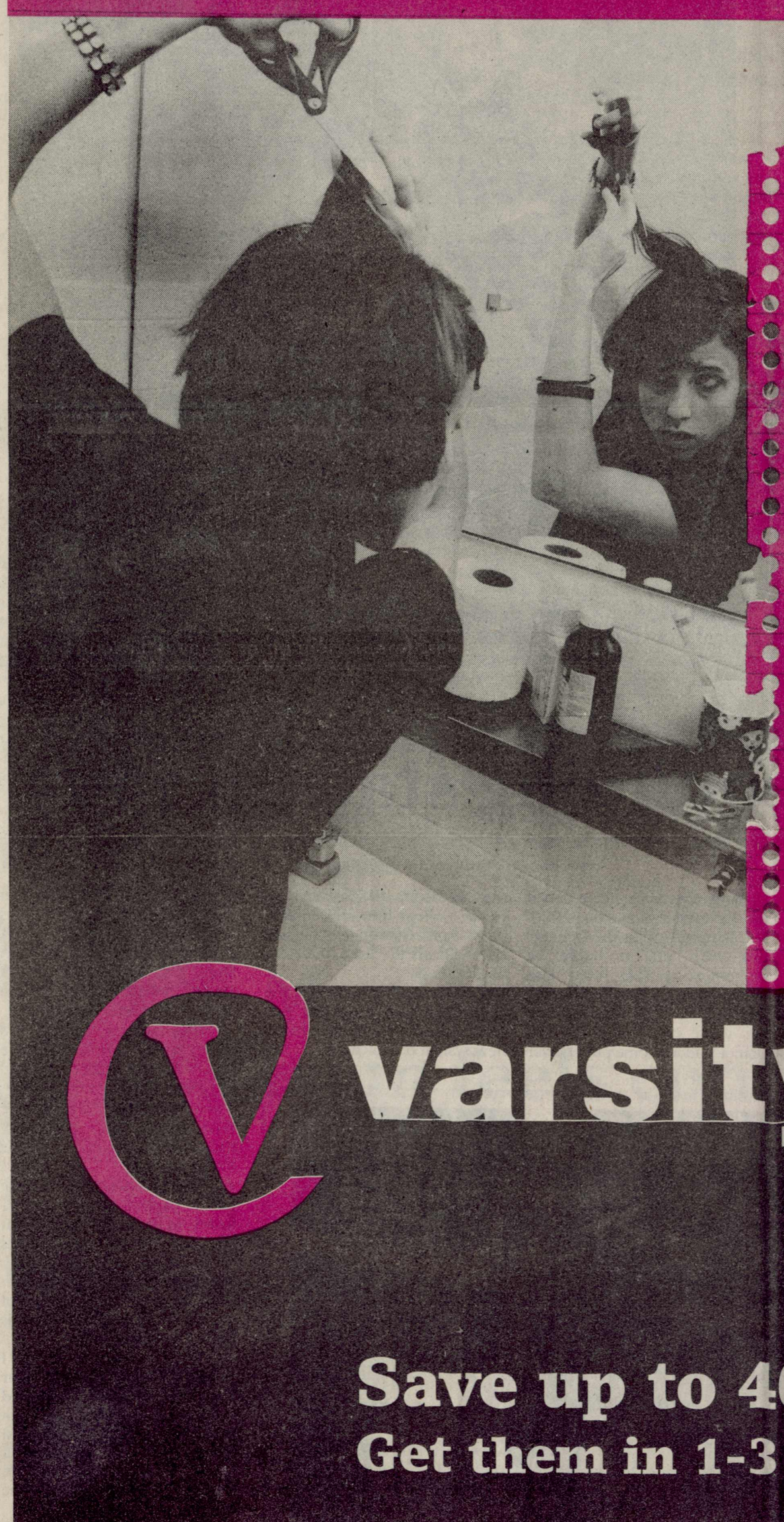

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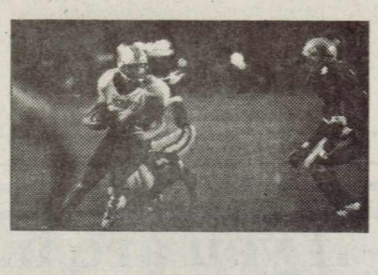

Nathan Black scampers on a 27 yard punt return, but it was not enough as NSU bought it 20-13.
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Do students cheat on campus?

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

With the growing popularity of the internet comes the growing business of selling term papers on-line.

At websites such as "The Paperstore" (http://www.paperstore.net) research papers, book reports and various other works are sold. The prices of these works generally range from $8.95 to $18.95 per page.

Most of these sites have "Terms of Service" agreements which forbid customers from using the works as their own, but the problem with that is, how will they know?

"I know a person on the Dean's List who bought papers, edited them a little, and turned them in as his own work," said one senior student who wished to remain anonymous.

Other students simply disliked the idea of paying for the services.

Sophomore, 'Juice', said " I ain't paying for a paper."

With that in mind, there are some websites that offer research papers free of charge. Often these sites require the potential user to submit a paper of his/her own in order to gain access to the on-line archives of free papers.

"Often times, cheating takes as much time as it would take to do it yourself," said Kristy Allen, sophomore.

Kenny Franklin, a freshman, said "most of the people I know don't have computers."

This fact, however, does not pose a major threat to those students who do choose to cheat.

Alladin Jackson III, senior, said "there are always other ways to cheat."

One student spoke of how he would just take someone's disk in his computer class and copy its contents onto his hard drive. He would then re-copy it to his own disk and turn the work in as his own.

Others told of more traditional ways of cheating including just peeking on someone else's test when the teacher isn't looking and obtaining old copies of tests and studying them in order to avoid having to go to class.

One student claimed to have received a "B" in a class by only studying old tests. He bragged of never attending a class lecture.

The same student referred to cheating as "getting ahead in life the shortest way possible."

However, not all students share this belief.

Sister Francisa Ugochi, sophomore, said "people who cheat are hazards to society."

Whether they are hazards or not, people do cheat on campus. While many choose not to cheat out of fear of being caught or moral conviction, others have no problems with it and will continue to do it as long as they can get away with it.

However, students should beware of the consequences of cheating. Most teachers take a strong stance against dishonesty.

"The paper would be given a zero and I would have a conference with the student," Dr. Christine Ford said. "Cheating undermines the relationship between students and teachers."

Webb shares new year's vision

Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

"Go to class, study hard and graduate from NSU," is University President Randall J. Webb's advice to all of the students this year.

Fortunately for University students, Webb has established a set of projects and ideas that should make following his advice more enjoyable for both students and faculty members.

Webb's objective is to continue promoting excellence in academics by gaining accreditation for all eligible degree programs.

Although eighty-seven percent of the eligible academic programs have earned accreditation, efforts are still being made to achieve the University's goal of 100 percent accreditation of eligible programs by the year 2000.

This year, Webb plans to gain accreditation for the arts programs, putting the University above 93 percent.

The University intends to increase the electronic delivery of courses through compressed video and the Internet in an attempt to continue efforts to bring higher education to students who want it.

"It's an interesting opportunity," Webb said. "The University has taken a leadership role in finding new and innovative ways to bring classes to our students. Harnessing the available technology will help us reach students who may not be able to have access to higher education."

Currently, the University is seeking a line of credit for a fiber-optics network and telephone system upgrade.

"If we're able to move in those directions, it would provide students and faculty with easier access to our system and would speed-up communications," Webb said.

Along with academics, Webb believes that campus appearance is another important aspect that needs to be upheld.

It was for this reason that steps were added to the entrance of the A. A. Fredericks Auditorium to serve as an aesthetic need, a functional need and for convenience purposes.

According to Webb, this fall should complete the planning for the renovations of Morrison Hall and the Family and Consumer Sciences Building.

Other plans include the $6.9 million project to construct a Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center in the center of campus and renovations to expand the student recreational golf course from nine-holes to 18-holes have already begun.

Aside from the campus appearance, there has been a change in the appearance of the student body as well.

"I think one thing that students will note this year is a lot more students," Webb said.

Over the past three-years, Northwestern has maintained a steady enrollment, but Webb is optimistic that the University will see an enrollment increase this fall.

"We have a large number of wonderful students this fall," Webb said. "I think once the information is in, this will be one of the largest freshman classes in the history of Northwestern."

Webb believes the enrollment increase is a direct result of the quality of Northwestern's academic programs and the staffs desire to serve the students.

"Overall, Northwestern is a fine university and the kind of place students would want to go to," Webb said. "My top goal was to create a student-centered environment at Northwestern and with the help of a dedicated faculty and staff, we are doing that."

SAB takes active approach to students' needs

Steven Evans
Contributing Writer

The SAB plans to take a more active approach to appeal to the wants and needs and wants of the students.

The SAB is responsible for activities such as Welcome Week, Homecoming activities, Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet, Spring Fling and many other periodical activities. All of these activities are free to students with a valid student ID

The SAB has many new ideas to get the student body more involved and informed in activities and events they plan.

"We are wanting to improve events that have been pretty successful in the past. The SAB wants to have more advertisement to make students aware of activities. We also want the students to voice their opinions," Susanna Deshotel, assistant director of student activities and organizations.

There are many positions that can be healed within the SAB. The position of Representative at Large services the needs of the student body as a whole. To be a Representative at Large you must have a cumulative gpa of 2.0 and may not be a voting member of the SGA. An application must have been filed by Sept. 3 to be eligible for this position. In the spring these positions are voted on by the student body. However, the four positions this fall will be filled and decided by an interview session and a majority vote by the bored.

In addition to the Representative At Large position, the SAB is having a Resident Representative position. This position in an attempt to hear the voice of more students. Each dorm will have one representative. This person will be responsible for making sure that residents know about what is going on and encourage attendance.

Dorm representatives are elected by the bored at the beginning of each fall.

Another plan to get student involvement up is the presence of committees. There are six different committees. Each committee is responsible for different activities around campus. All six committee heads were chosen from the spring SAB. To be the head of a committee you must have been on the SAB for at least one semester. Anyone who is enrolled at the university is eligible to be a member of a committee. This is strictly a volunteer action. Students can volunteer at any time. An informational meeting will be held on Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. in the President's Room of the student union. Each committee head will explain what their committee is responsible for. All who are interested are encouraged to attend.

"We want to have more interaction with students,"

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'Guide' tour comes to University next Tuesday

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

A "one-stop shop" guide created for college graduates may be the ticket to keeping the state's best and brightest.

Bobby Jindal, University of Louisiana System president, has created the first-ever Guide to Post-Graduate Opportunities that will be distributed to students throughout the ULS system.

The 60-page guide includes information about post-graduate opportunities for students. In addition, universities will provide aggressive student counseling, access to sample interviews and sample applications.

Jindal

Jindal will be at the University Sept. 14 to explain his guide. A presentation will be made to the campus team from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and an interactive workshop with students will be held from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The visit will focus on two objectives, he said.

"First, we will meet with various administrators who are use to dealing with students on a regular basis," Jindal said. "Second, time will be spent directly with students walking them through the interview and encouraging them to in these post graduate programs."

Although the guide is unique to Louisiana, similar programs have existed in Ivy Schools and the Northeast region. News of Jindal's guide, unofficially called "How to Get a Job like Mine," has reached other universities outside Louisiana.

"To my knowledge, this is the first book of its kind in Louisiana," Jindal said. "Many Ivy League schools and schools in the Northeast have similar programs. We have already received calls from schools such as Duke."

The University views the system president's tour not only as a great opportunity for students but also as a compliment.

"We are happy because we have somebody at that level interested in our students," Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president for Student Affairs said. "It's nice to have someone else encouraging students beyond what's available locally."

Seymour also said the students and faculty could profit from Jindal's experience.

Jindal, 28, has first-hand experience when it comes to high-level interviews and

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First year is 'Mystikal'

Jay Lyles
Sauce Reporter

After a controversial first year of business, clowns, balloon animals, punch and cake were last party favors expected at the grand opening of the newly consolidated Natural Mystik.

The owners celebrated their opening with a clown, cake and punch for customers and sales on t-shirts and sarongs. There was also a question of the day that when answered correctly the first time won one lucky person a shirt.

Natural Mystik #1 was also consolidated with Natural Mystik #2 on this occasion. This marks the third location that the store has had in Natchitoches.

According to the store-owner Lori Outlaw, the store was originally opened at 124 Horne Street near Citibank. She claimed that the store was open at that location for nearly seven months before Natural Mystik #1 was opened at 112 Highway 1 South.

This location, which was combined with Natural Mystik #2 during the recent grand opening, recently brought the store under fire from many citizens of Natchitoches for its location in relation to the types of products it sells. With Highway 1 being the main strip for teenagers, many parents have come to question the influence the store and its sexually explicit products have on their children.

Outlaw said that the sexually explicit materials are contained in a separate room that requires a person to be at least 18 years old to enter.

She also said that the complaints about the store's products were not brought to her attention at any point until after the first location on Highway 1 was opened. She also denied a claim made by city council members that she or any of her employees had been invited to speak at two meetings held before the council.

She said she found out about the meeting second-hand.

These meetings have brought about the proposal of a zoning law that would prohibit the opening of any new store that deals sexually explicit materials in the business districts of Natchitoches.

As Councilman-at-Large Wayne McCullen put it, "a policy of regulation through zoning" could help the two different views in Natchitoches to coexist with one another.

When asked about her opinion on a new zoning law, Outlaw responded, "I would monitor the situation and adjust."

Photo by Virginia L. Dixon

Lori Outlaw, owner of Natural Mystik, has been the major topic of local discussion in the past few weeks. Outlaw sells a variety of adult novelty items at her newly opened store including the penis thermos held above.

Briefs

Study points to fried foods as cause of childhood obesity

Catherine Champagne of LSU's Pennington Biomedical Research Institute points to french fries and potato chips as the source of childhood obesity.

While many grow up learning to eat vegetables as part of a healthy diet, vegetables cooked in grease and containing large amounts of fat are harmful to one's health.

About one-fourth of the vegetable servings by children and one-third by teenagers consist of french fries and potato chips

Champagne compiled data using the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals.

Leesville woman dies in two-vehicle accident Sunday

An 18-year-old Leesville woman died Sunday afternoon in a two-vehicle accident on La. Highway 121, Louisiana State Police said.

Angie M. Brandon died at the scene of the acident which happened around 2:35 p.m. near the Rapides-Veron parishes line. State Police officials said that a 1996 Mitsubishi Mirage southbound on the highway drove into the path of a northbound 1987 Winnabago motorhome.

The Winnabago was driven by 58-year-old Joseph F. Pryor of Leesville. Pryor received minor injuries and refused aid at the scene.

Pryor's wife, Hazel Pryor, was, moderately injured. Mrs. Pryor, also 58, was airlifted to Rapides General Hospital by Acadian Med-Flight.

Both Pryor and Mrs. Pryor were wearing seatbelts. The driver of the Mirage was not wearing a seatbelt.

State Police officials said that the road was blocked for several hours because of the extensive amount of damage to the two vehicles.

Child's body found near Colfax

Grant Parish Sheriff's Office officials probably won't release any information on the body found Saturday in Iatt Lake until Tuesday.

A young child's body was found Saturday morning near a camp on Ripple Lane near Colfax. Authorities have not said whether the body was that of a boy or a girl, but Chief Deputy Preston Mosley did say that foul play is not suspected.

An 11-year-old boy was reported missing Thursday in the Iatt Lake area, but Mosley said that investigation remains active.

The body was sent to Jefferson Parish for an autopsy.

Convict waiting for Supreme Court ruling

Feltus Taylor will be executed Thursday unless the U.S.Supreme Court or the parole board intercedes.

Taylor was convicted of a 1991 robbery of Cajuns Famous Chicken restaurant and first-degree murder of Donna Ponsano.

Also injured in the robbery was Keith Clark. Taylor shot Clark four times in the head. Clark remains in a wheelchair.

Clark fired Taylor a week prior to the robbery and helped Taylor look for a job hours before being shot.

Taylor has already had two execution dates postponed.

If you are interested in The Freshmen Council contact Shawn in the SGA Office, Student Union Room 221. Phone 357-4501

Student brings Promise Fellowship to University

Gregory J.Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

Eric Broussard, an AmeriCorp Promise Fellow, transferred from McNeese to the University this fall bringing an asset to the Nathcitoches community.

As one of only 500 AmeriCorp Promise Fellows in the country and one of only seven in Louisiana, Broussard will work with existing local service agencies, such as the Boys and Girls Club and the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center to coordinate youth-oriented activities.

"America's Promise is an initiative," Broussard said. "They wanted to create a new idea, but not new organizations."

America's Promise consists of four fundamental resources or promises: a mentor, a safe place, a healthy start, and marketable skills.

"Every child should have a caring adult," Broussard said. "A lot of times parents just have so much going on in their lives."

Broussard notes that mentors cannot replace parents, but can provide a positive role model for the youth to look up to.

"When I was in high school, I remember that there was nothing to do," Broussard said. "Kids would get in trouble, but it wasn't their fault. A lack of structured activities leads to gang violence, drugs, and other crimes."

AmeriCorp provides vaccinations and much more.

"We take a lot of that [health care] for granted. We try to provide them everything that they need and deserve in order to be healthy," Broussard said. "Some people think that McDonald's fries and Coca-Cola are the healthiest things for them."

Volunteerism is also a key element of AmericaCorp. Broussard stresses that volunteering builds skills and work habits for the youth.

"We'll go pickup trash so that they can have a hands on experience with keeping the environment clean," Broussard said.

President John F. Kennedy established the PeaceCorp. Presidents since Kennedy created domestic versions of PeaceCorp. In 1993 President Bill Clinton joined these programs under one entity - AmeriCorp. The chairman of America's Promise is Colin Powell.

"This is a circular thing. It's not about us busting our heads for 15 years and then having it go bust," Broussard said. "It's about showing them that there is a future."

At McNeese Broussard was also active with the Student Government Association and Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

New parking lots to be built on campus

Mary A. Freeman
Sauce Reporter

Many plans are under way for improvements to the University, including new parking.

The new lots will be for the residents of Boozman and Varnado. The first lot, located behind Varnado, is currently under construction.

According to John Winston, vice president of University Affairs, the new lots are necessary because of the work that will be done to the old gym.

Twenty current spaces will be lost due to the work that will be done on the old gym. Current construction of the new lot consists of drainage work and ground scraping.

The second lot is to be constructed between the Creative and Performing Arts building, and Boozman Hall.

"This will satisfy the need for parking for residents at Boozman and Varnado," Carl Henry, chairman of the Traffic and Parking committee said.

Plans are also being discussed to change the lot in front of Russell Hall into a commuter zone.

"It depends on the needs of our students," said Henry.

"I hope it will be a commuter lot," said Rickie Williams, chief of campus police.

"We're just trying to serve the students," said Winston.

Other work around campus includes general repairs to the streets and sidewalks, the reroofing and installation of a flagpole at Kyser, and repairs to the east side of the field house.

Money has been requested for the renovation of East Caspari.

Future plans include the refurbishing of the Family and Consumer Science building and Morrison Hall, said Winston.

"Work should start next fall."

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News 22 undergoes a face-lift for the fall

James Smith
Sauce Reporter

News 22 plans to have a new format this year, one that should please everyone on both sides of the screen.

Last year programming was broadcasted five days a week mostly containing national, state and local news. Information was collected from various news sources, then relayed by a host of anchors.

News Bureau
News 22 will have a new look and format this year. New broadcasts start this Thursday at 3:30.

The format never really focused on the University and was basically to benefit those in broadcast journalism.

"Students requested to see stuff on Greek life, intramural, and students activities of that nature," David Antilley, adviser to News 22 said.

Besides that there was a need to improve the quality and reliability of the news cast. This year there will only be bews cast on Tuesdays.

Competition for anchors, co-anchors, sportscasters, and weather personnel is fierce.

"Auditions were packed and you kind of got the feeling everyone was really serious about winning a spot," Antilley said.

Students selected will be researching and reporting on there own stories. They'll be issued a 'beat' in which they will be covering most of the time.

This gives information gathering and interviewing experience to reporters. Also video will be done on most stories, so camera people will now work twice as hard. Also there will be more on site shots as opposed to the old back and forth from reporters to reporters in last years cast.

"Non majors are welcome but are required to be just as dedicated as majors," Steve Horton, head of the journalism department said. "In return they'll learn and strive just as much."

NSU students and Natchtitoches can get national and state news from CNN and other local stations but now they'll have the choice of being able to get scoops on everything going on around campus. Areas to be focused on are real balanced, such as, liberal arts, performing arts, math science, education, ROTC, all athletics, student activities board, Greek life, and intramurals to name a few. NSU 22 really plans on living up to the motto, "where the students come first."

NSU 22 also welcomes those talents and the administrative input of Mrs. Mary Brocato with a bachelor's and a master's in broadcasting and journalism.

"We're going to have a much better quality program now, and once quality is at its best we will move to two days a week Tuesdays and Thursdays," Brocato.

"We hope that students on campus will appreciate what the students are putting into this," Antilley said.

Police receive thorough training

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

Laser tag is no longer just for kids.

The Bossier Parish Community College employs several techniques, including role playing games with laser tag equipment, for training cadets in its police academy.

The academy serves the area by training campus, city, and parish police officers.

"The way that we train is by doing different scenarios," Dave Seard, an officer in training, said.

The police academy simulates actual situations for its cadets. In a scenario to clear a building of intruders, an adult game of hide and go seek, Seard missed an officer posing as an intruder.

"One thing that you learn is that anything can happen," Seard said.

"I didn't know anything going into this [police training]," Tammy Megow, a junior criminal justice major and officer in training, said. "I wouldn't want to do it [become a police officer] without the training."

The police academy also teaches cadets on how to properly approach a situation.

"We learn to be defensive, rather than aggressive," Seard said.

To assist in analyzing a situation, cadets use a force continuum.

"It's basically to decide how much force to use or not to use on somebody," Megow said.

Another phase of police training involves weapons training. All cadets, for instance, must be sprayed with a chemical agent in order to be authorized to use the chemical agent on the job as a police officer.

"It's good to know what kind of pain that you're inflicting. Fortunately, they don't have to shoot us," Megow said.

Cadets also receive classroom instruction covering criminal law, first aid and CPR, crime scene search, firearms safety, and firearms instruction.

"We're getting more training than the people [police officers] who are already there [on the job]. One of my CJ [criminal justice] professors said that when he started they [the police academy instructors] said, 'You're big. You can handle yourself,' and they gave you a gun and a badge. You're bound to make so many mistakes like that," Megow said.

Cadets must attend class and physical training three days a week and seminars twice each month.

Training began July 12 and ends October 26.

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The SAB is also trying to get a more active nontraditional student program. In the past nontraditional students have been more active than in recent years. The SAB would like to find out what the needs of the nontraditional students are. SAB's goal is to plan more events that service these student's needs too.

If you have any questions or want more information feel free to contact the SAB office in room 214 of the student union.

University professors 'show' off abilities

Karly Pierre
Contributing Writer

NSU art professors, Michael Yankowski and Brooks Defee, reveal their artistic skills and an enthusiasm for teaching through their current art exhibition on campus.

Yankowski and Defee's art exhibition, open August 30 through October 1, is located in the Orville Hanchey Gallery in the Creative and Performing Arts building. Entitled Y3K, the exhibit critiques the computer age and the harmful effects continued dependence on technology could hold for the future. Yankowski's multi-media industrial wall sculptures and Defee's natural abstract paintings counterbalance each other and give variety to the exhibit.

"It is as if we are looking back on our time from the year 3000", explained Defee, an instructor at NSU for 6 years. "My paintings are like an ecological backdrop. Michael's sculptures are like remnants of society".

Both professors saw their exhibit as an opportunity to strengthen the student-teacher bond.

"Students are able to see my ideas about art and my skills", remarked Yankowski a NSU professor for 13 years. "Students want a mentor. I can only share with my students what I know".

"Through this exhibit I wanted my students to see that very abstract work can carry very specific meaning", commented Defee.

Dr. Donald W. Hatley, dean of the college of liberal arts, stressed that it was important for the student to be convinced that their instructor can talk about a subject and also perform.

"At a good university, professors stay alive in their discipline and maintain a sufficient knowledge of their profession," remarked Hatley. "Here, performing and creative arts faculty members have the advantage of being able to present talents to their colleagues and students. Literary and science professors present their research at conferences, away from the university".

Improvements in security will be made to the Orville Hanchey Gallery in order to protect the works of art displayed and increase the gallery's potential as a learning resource for students.

"The main gallery will have a glass wall portion with two exits and one entrance", described Dr. Bill Bryant, coordinator for the visual arts area of the Creative and Performing Arts. "A student worker will be at the entrance with a telephone. Security is required by people loaning exhibitions and insurance companies".

Tighter security in the Orville Hanchey Gallery will allow national exhibits to come the university.

Dr. Roberta L. Walters, professor of art, was added to the NSU faculty this year, and has taken the new position of Orville Hanchey Gallery director.

"I'd like the gallery to work for students", remarked Walters. "With new security we hope to have visiting art exhibitions in the future. We also hope to have creative lecture demonstrations by visiting artists for the students".

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recruiting. He is a Rhodes scholar and member of the Rhodes selection team in Louisiana. He was admitted to both Yale and Harvard law and medical schools and has conducted interviews for Fortune 500 companies and for an Ivy League university.

At the age of 25, he was hired by Gov. Mike Foster to head the state Department of Health and Hospitals, and he was hired at the age of 26 to serve as executive director of the National Medicare Commission in Washington D.C.

According to Jindal, the potential for Louisiana students to compete and win is there today.

"In our schools right now, there are future Rhodes, Marshall and Fulbright scholars, teachers, doctors, nurses, business leaders and graduate students," Jindal said. "We want to give our students the tools they need to compete and win."

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Freshman Ambassadors are future of University

Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

While most NSU students don't know it, Northwestern has an ambassador program. Each year, the NSU Admissions Office selects twenty incoming freshmen to represent the Demons.

"We want students who feel pride in this school, and who can help recruit new students by showcasing that pride and passing it on," said admissions office coordinator Linda Walker.

These representatives not only help out around the admissions office, but take part in NSU events like Spirit, Senior, and Family Days.

Walker continues: "Our recruiters look for those seniors graduating from high schools and entering Northwestern who have leadership skills, the academic ability, and social skills to become 'mini-recruiters' for NSU."

Upperclassman K.C. Sermon is a former ambassador and says the best part of being honored with an ambassadorship is getting to meet new people.

"Every student coming from high school and into Northwestern goes through admissions, and you get the chance to meet those people,"Sermon said.

This year, Sermon is a mentor for freshmen ambassadors and says he will try to install in them the feeling that all incoming students should have contact with NSU students.

"These freshmen ambassadors are here to make that relationship possible."

This year's ambassador crew is excited about the new year and are looking forward to being involved.

Amos Williams, one of the twenty ambassadors speaks for the group: "We're all 'people-people' and already love Northwestern."

The rest of the "ambassador team" is as follows: Troy Bailey, Kaleb Breaux, Alicia Brooks, Kendra Campbell, Chris Choate, Keelie Creed, Dymphna Davis, Katie Dollar, Jamie Ezell, David Fox, Colby Hebert, Blake Hines, Natalie Lafauci, Marcus Melancon, Danielle Morgan, Carrie Norton, Quincy Spencer, Mignon Stelly, Kristin Wilkins and Josh Green.

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Attention Faculty/Staff/Students: The NSU Bulletin Board is up and running for the Fall Semester on Channel 22. If your organization has an announcement that you wish to air, call 357-4425 to request a form to be faxed to you, or come by the Journalism Department office, located in Room 103 of Kyser Hall and pick up a form.

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Counseling and Career Services: All students who are interested in locating off-campus, part-time employment may come by Student Union 305 and schedule an appointment with the Counseling and Career Services Office. Our office will assist you with the development of your resume, interviewing skills, and eventual placement into the business community. For more information, call 357-5621.

Society for Advancement of Management (SAM):
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Phi Mu Fraternity: Congratulations to all of our new Phi class officers. Do not forget Pledging will be September 12 at 8pm. Intramural football practice starts this week and the jamboree is on Thursday. Finally, Bible study is Wednesday at 6:30.

The brothers of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated,will hold their fall, 1999 at 7:14 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. Call Jack Givens at 357-1914 for more information.

I.R.T.S.: International Radio and Television Society, formerly known as N.B.S. will be having its first meeting of the semester, Thursday, September 9, in Studio A, right after the news. Anyone interested in mass media should drop by.

Blue Key: Blue Key is having an assembly, Thursday, September 9, in the Alumni Center at 6 p.m. If you cannot attend please contact Dr. Seymour's office at 357-5286.

Circle K International: An organization devoted to involving college and university students in campus and community service while developing quality leaders and citizens. It also encourages social aspects by combining over 11,000 collegians in more than 500 college campuses in nine nations to combine their efforts and better society. If you are interested in joining NSU's Circle K they are hosting an open house Thursday September 9, in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

Freshmen Council Thursday nights at 8:00 p.m. at the BSU. All freshmen are invited.

The **Society of Professional Journalists** is sponsoring an informational meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday in 107 Kyser Hall. Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the organization is encouraged to attend or contact the chapter adviser, Neil Ralston, at 357-4439.

The Society is a 90-year-old organization that features more than 13,500 student and professional members throughout the world. The Society is dedicated to a free press, free speech and the ethical practice of journalism.

College Republicans will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 320 of the Student Union. Ms. Sandy McDade, a highly sought-after speaker on grassroots activism, will be a special guest. Membership dues of $5 may be paid at the meeting.

Maggio named director of Alumni Affairs

Brandi L. Crouch
Contributing Writer

Although the position of Director of Alumni Affairs has changed, Northwestern still cares for its alumni.

Chris Maggio began his duties as director on July 1, 1999, after Dr. Steve Horton became the head of the Journalism department.

Maggio has been a long time part of Northwestern. In addition to being a NSU graduate, he has spent the last five years working in Admissions and Recruiting.

Remaining optimistic about his qualifications, Maggio feels challenged by the position. "I hope to be compared to Steve Horton." Maggio said. "He did a great job. If I can do as well as he did, I'll feel good about myself. I have big shoes to fill but I'm not intimidated. I'm more challenged."

Having been a part of NSU for many years, Maggio feels he is qualified for the job. "I enjoy meeting people. I've been around Northwestern all of my life, in one capacity or another." Maggio said. "I've been a student, a coach, administrator and teacher for the last twelve years."

Maggio also names his energy and being able to get information out to the alumni as qualifications for the job.

Keeping in touch with alumni throughout the world is one of the objectives Maggio keeps in mind while doing his daily work. Some prominent alumni have been added to the Long Purple Line as a way of recognizing their achievements. Maggio said approximately 35 names have been added to the Long Purple Line since 1990.

Many events are being planned for NSU Alumni, including a Greek reunion, Grad Fest, Homecoming and banquets. Area chapter meetings are also being scheduled.

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ADA improvements made on campus

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

Adjusting to college can be a challenging experience for many people, especially for new students. But for those students with a disability it is an even bigger challenge.

The campus is always full of noticeable changes for someone like myself in a wheelchair. I feel as if I am an expert on what type of revisions should be made to a campus for physically disabled students.

Last year's construction proved quite challenging for physically disabled students. Now that the construction in the middle of campus is completed, I am very relieved and impressed at the positive changes I have seen on campus.

The sidewalks near the stadium are fixed and reconstructed. The new sidewalks are much better than the deteriorating hazard in the past. It was also much easier to get the wheelchair down the ramp.

The University has come a long way since I first came here in the fall of 1996. Although many things to be done, such as the sidewalk on the other side of the street from the front of Dodd Hall. It starts out fine, but ends in a curb.

A physically disabled person in a chair would have to ride in the street all the way to the back of the stadium. Waddy Norman, Facilities Coordinater of the Physical Plant, said that certain changes and revisions like this one will be next on the list of planned reconstruction for the University.

Norman also said that sometimes these changes take a long time because of the lack of funds. An elevator in the Student Union as well as a handicapped accessible bathroom on the second floor will be installed soon. There is also a new bathroom in the Teacher's Education Center.

However, despite these changes that have been made or that still need to be made, the University is a well accessible compared to others such as the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

My hometown is Monroe and there are hardly any ramps to get into the buildings from the sidewalks, much less handicapped parking. A person in a wheelchair would have to ride into the street just to get onto a sidewalk on that campus. So I would recommend Northwestern to a physically disabled student. The administration is very helpful and apologetic as well if there is a problem for a disabled student.

Xerox to help with postal problem

Angela McCorkle
Contributing Writer

This semester the University is researching if it would be better to have the postal service ran by an outside company.

"The University operates under a board of supervisors who encouraged its member institutions to consider outsourcing service," said Dr. Dan Seymour, Vice-President for Student Affairs.

The University has decided to turn to Xerox for assistance. Xerox helps universities nation-wide with the contracting of their postal services. Dee Cover has been sent from Xerox to gather information about the University and its current postal situation.

At the moment, the investigation is in its research stages. Cover has spent several days working and talking with the employees of the post office to learn what they do from day to day.

She has also been in contact with the University print service and the University computer center, which are all connected.

Xerox will soon be sending equipment to do a survey of bulk mail users to identify the certain needs of the participants.

Seymour said, "Mrs. Stacy is going to be doing the survey when Xerox provides it."

During this research stage Cover will be meeting with a student focus group to inquire about their needs.

After the research stage is finished Cover will develop a report and make a presentation to the University's administration. The administration will then decide if outsourcing is the best way for the University to handle the postal service.

University welcomes new recruiters

Larry Collins
Contributing Writer

Northwestern State University's office of Admissions and Recruiting has announced its new recruiters for the 1999-2000 academic year.

The new members of the recruiting staff are Northwestern graduates: Robin Nash of Forrest Hill, and Eric Prudhomme of Opelousas, Louisiana. Along with the NSU graduates, Emily Melhorn of Winne, Arkansas joins the recruitment team.

Melhorn is a graduate of William Woods University (Fulton, Missouri) with a degree in Broadcast Communications. The new recruiter believes that she can bring an outside perspective to high school students interested in attending the University.

Melhorn said that, "being from Arkansas [which is] six and a half hours away from Louisiana, shows that... I though enough about this school to want to work here and represent it." She continued, "I am very excited and I think that it is going to be a great way to help students in making one of the most important decisions of their lives."

Melhorne will be recruiting in the southern portion of Louisiana.

NSU graduate Robin Nash also joins the ranks of admissions and recruiting. The Psychology graduate said that her primary goal is simply to do her best, which includes meeting new students, and "showing them how good Northwestern can be for them."

Nash said that the best connection between high school students and their college recruiters is that the age difference is minimal and the recruiter has "insight into the college experience." Nash has been assigned the southwestern portion of Louisiana as a recruiting area.

The final new recruiter, Eric Prudhomme, is also a graduate of this University. A political science graduate, Prudohomme said that he plans to give something back to his alma mater. As a new recruiter he plans on emphasizing the idea that "you don't have to have status to fit in on this campus," and NSU is a place "where everybody fits in somewhere." Prudhomme will recruit in the New Orleans area.

Third year recruiter Martha Hooper explained that there are many underlying things that makes a recruiter important to the choice of a university.

"I think that getting to know them personally is the most important part, and helping them realize that college is an option for everyone, not just some, so we help them with the scholarship and financial aspect also," Hooper continued. She added that "recruiters are the first contact that a student has with the university, and hopefully it is a positive experience."

All recruiters attended an Articulation Workshop for recruiting zones in New Orleans last week, and begin recruiting in their assigned areas as early as next week.

"Cinderella", "Steel Magnolias" highlight theater season

Heath Crawford
Contributing Writer

Diversity is on tap for the coming year as the NSU Theater Program prepares for its first production of the season.

The first production of the year will be "Cinderella," directed by Dr. Jack Wann.

"It's going to be a huge cast, a huge spectacle," said Scott Burrell, assistant professor of theater.

The play will be set in an ice castle type setting. Wann is also going so far as to possibly find an ice skater to skate on a Teflon floor during the play.

"Technically speaking, 'Cinderella' is going to be one of the biggest shows we've done in a long time," said Peter Wright, theater major. "The scenery is going to be huge. The lighting is going to have to reflect the mood of the play."

The logistics for the costumes themselves are staggering.

"We have a cast of 42 and everyone in the show, except for the principle roles, will be doing multiple roles which means they will need three to four costumes apiece," said Amanda Rerimer, theater major. "We're going to be working around the clock, until the show goes up, to get the costumes on."

Shelly Colvin will play the title role while Guy Davis will play the prince.

Following "Cinderella," Burrell will direct "The Open Road." This is a play which is part of the Loft series that deals with more contemporary, experimental type plays.

"It may be somewhat offensive to some people, but it's experimental," said Burrell. "It's about this government that has captured Jesus after the second coming and has turned him over to these monks. They hire these hitmen to kill Jesus again for the second time."

According to Burrell, this is a play, which after viewing, actually reaffirms the faith.

In conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the movie "Steel Magnolias," the theater department will perform the stage version of the popular movie this semester.

"The community is organizing a big reception and trying to get some of the stars of the movie into town," said Burrell. "The story is about southern women ... kinda based loosely on some of the women here in Natchitoches."

Unlike the costumes from "Cinderella," the costumes for "Steel Magnolias" will be easy in comparison.

"It's a smaller cast with much more modern clothing," said Rerimer. "We don't have to build all these dresses. We can probably just pull from what we have and alternate."

The final production of the semester is the "Christmas Gala."

"It's a big deal around Christmas time for the community and all these tourists that come in," said Burrell.

The Gala will consist of scenes and segments of dancing and singing.

University to keep its name

News Bureau

As two Louisiana universities prepare to change their names, Northwestern State University plans to maintain its name for the immediate future, according to President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Northeast Louisiana University and the University of Southwestern Louisiana have received approval from the State Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System to change their names.

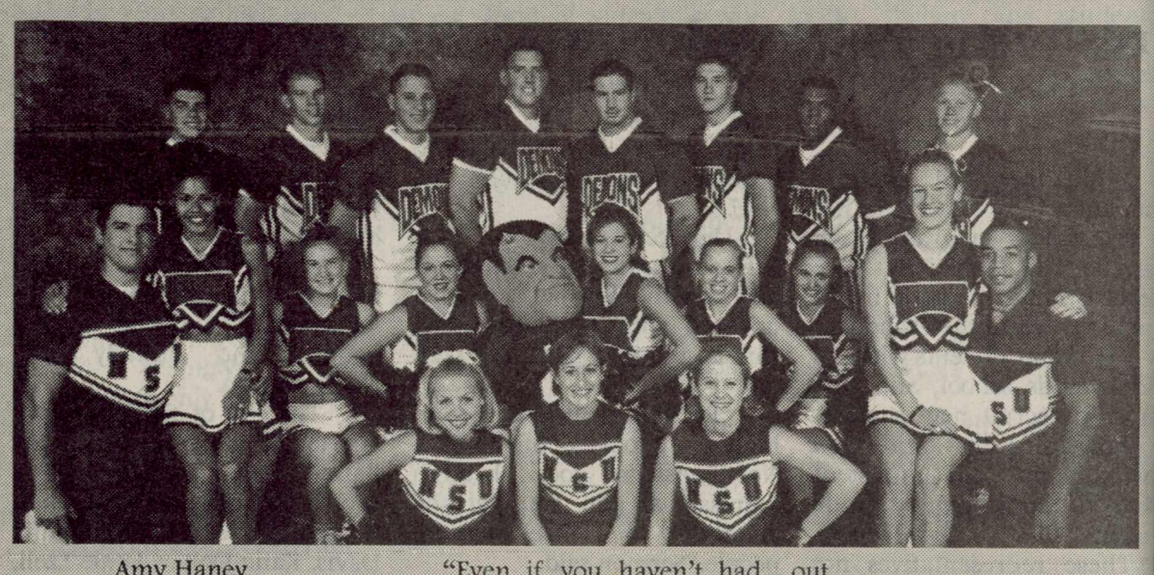
Northeast Louisiana will become the University of Louisiana at Monroe. USL will be known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

The 1995 act creating the University of Louisiana System authorized system institutions to adopt new names provided that at least two universities asked for a name change at the same time. The University of Louisiana System also includes Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University and Southeastern Louisiana University.

"The name Northwestern State University fits us because Northwestern is at more than one location," said Webb. "Our name reflects the importance of our campuses in Shreveport, Leesville/Fort Polk and Alexandria along with our other off-campus sites. We offer classes in an area from East Texas to West Mississippi, so the name Northwestern State University of Louisiana is best for us."

In its 115-year history, the school has had four different names. The name Northwestern State University of Louisiana was authorized by the Louisiana Legislature in 1970. Founded in 1884 as the Louisiana State Normal School in 1884, the institution became Louisiana State Normal College in 1921 and Northwestern State College of Louisiana in 1944.

Tryouts for vacant cheerleader spots to be held this week



Amy Haney
Contributing Writer

Tryouts to fill three male cheerleading positions will be held at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 in room 125 of the Health and Human Performance building. Each position offers a $180 scholarship per semester. Applications for the tryout are available in room 214 of the Student Union and must be turned in by 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

"Even if you haven't had experience, as long as you have athletic ability we can work with you," cheerleading coach Susanna Deshotel said. Students must be full-time and have a minimum 2.0 GPA to try out. Auditioning includes stunting (holding up another cheerleader), cheering and demonstrating any tumbling abilities. Deshotel encourages anyone who is interested and meets the requirements to try out.

"[Cheerleading] gives you incentive to improve your health and strength," said Joey Hinderberger, a second year cheerleader. Strength and image are important to cheerleading, according to second year cheerleader Tim Traylor. Male cheerleaders should be neat in appearance, and their strength is vital to the safety of the other squad members, Traylor said.

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Eight granted tenure

News Bureau

Eight members of Northwestern State University's faculty have been granted tenure and 12 faculty have received promotions, according to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas A. Burns. NSU's recommendations have been approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Tenure is a status granted to faculty after a trial period. Faculty are protected from summary dismissal by tenure. The normal trial period for faculty is six years.

Those receiving tenure were: Associate Professor of Music Dr. Denette Derby-McDermott, Dean of the College of Education, Associate Professor of Education Dr. John Tollett and Associate Professor of Theatre Ed Brazo

Also receiving tenure were, Assistant Professor of English Dr. Joseph Colavito, Director of the Louisiana Scholars' College and Assistant Professor of Ecology and Mathematics Dr. Margaret Cochran, Assistant Professor in the Library Linda Cox, Assistant Professor of Art Clyde Downs and Assistant Professor of Music Kenneth Green.

For a list of other promotions visit www.nsula.edu/news.

Moulton named acting head of psychology department

News Bureau

Dr. Patrice Moulton has been appointed acting head of the Department of Psychology at Northwestern State University.

Her appointment has been approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Moulton has been a member of Northwestern's faculty since 1996. In 1995-96, she was clinical director at Cane River Adolescent Hospital.

She has also been a strategic planner and Total Quality Management consultant with Bradford Associates in Bradford, Penn., a founder and private practitioner of Family Pasages in Olean, N.Y. and a family specialist with the Cattaraugus County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse in Olean, N.Y.

In addition, Moulton was a mental health-clinician and A & D specialist with Pine Belt Mental Health Services in Laurel, Miss. and a staff counselor at the Hattiesburg (Miss.) Emergency Girls Shelter.

Moulton was an adjunct faculty member at St. Bonaventure University and a faculty member at Jamestown (N.Y.) Community College.

Since joining Northwestern's faculty, Moulton has co-authored 16 publications national, regional and state journals, has taken part in approximately 50 professional presentations and has received funding for nine grant proposals.

Six other publications are now in review.

KNTS alive and well after a year in business

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

KNTS-TV17, Natchitoches' only commercial television station is currently seeking network affiliation. Although it has affiliation with Family Net, a network that offers family oriented programming, it is still in search of other affiliations.

If KNTS were to reach an agreement with another network, it would be able to air better primetime programming.

"The only thing I watch," said Kelly Day, Junior, "is Knight Rider," she continued.

Despite the lack of competitive primetime programming, KNTS has managed to earn a decent reputation in its viewing areas of Natchitoches, Sabine, Red River, and Desoto parishes. It has done this by catering specifically to these areas. The station focuses on covering news and events that locals can relate to directly. These stories are typically overlooked by stations in Shreveport and Alexandria because of the size of their respective markets.

In addition to covering local news, KNTS also airs many shows dedicated to local sports. The station is slated to air four NSU football games, three of which will be live. Also, a tape delayed broadcast of the Homecoming game will be aired. Furthermore, KNTS airs what Richard Gill, General Manager, refers to as a "Monday night football line-up." This includes "The Sam Goodwin Show" at 6:30 p.m., "Prep TV" at 7:00 p.m., and "The 5th Quarter" at 7:30 p.m.

"Everyone wants to leave their mark," said Gill. "We (KNTS) have a great opportunity to influence our community and improve the quality of life," he continued.

In keeping with that philosophy, KNTS boasts a staff of several NSU graduates and current students. Current students include Brent Bell, Farrah Reyna, and Craig Rashleigh.

While KNTS cannot compete with the larger stations of Alexandria and Shreveport, it is possible for them to draw attention to the station by focusing on its local audience. This may help the station gain better network affiliation.

Katie Younger, Freshman, commented on the quality of KNTS programming by saying, "It was good for a local show."

Perhaps KNTS has more work ahead in order to make everyone a supporter of their station, but after just over a year in Natchitoches, they have made some steps in that direction.

University presented with endowed professorships

Photo by Gary Hardamon

The University was presented with a $40,000 matching funds check from the Board of Regents by Dr. Joseph Savoie, Commisioner of Higher Education. The Regents matched the donation given by the family of Arthur Chopin Watson. The contribution created several endowed professorships for the University. At the presentation were: (l to r) State Representative Jimmy Long, Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System Member Dr. Ed Anders, Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Joseph Savoie, University President Dr. Randall J. Webb and daughters of Watson.

Fall 1999 Schedule

Event	Date/Time
Flag football Officials Clinic (IM Rm. 114)	Aug 31-Sept. 2 T-Th Sept. 7-8 T-W @ 3pm
Aerobics	Tues. Sept.7@4-5pm Mon-Thurs: 7:30-8:30pm
IM Team Horseshoes	Tues. Sept. 7 @ 6pm
Flag Football Team Captain's Meeting	Wed. Sept. 8 @ 6pm
Flag Football Jamboree	Thurs. Sept. 9 @ 3pm
9 Ball Pool Tourney	Wed. Sept. 22 @ 6pm
Doubles Tennis	Wed. Sept. 29 @ 6pm
Flag Football Playoffs	Mon. Oct. 4 @ 3pm
Field Goal Kicking	Tue. Oct 12 @ 7pm
Team Badminton	Thurs. Oct. 14 @ 5pm
Volleyball Officials Clinic (IM Rm 114)	Mon-Wed Oct. 11-13 @ 6pm
Volleyball Team Captain's Meeting	Wed Oct. 13 @ 6pm
Demon Fun Run (BBQ & Pep Rally)	Wed. Oct. 27 @ 4:30pm
Ping Pong	Wed. Nov. 3 @ 3pm
3 person Golf Scramble	Thurs. Nov. 11 @ 3pm
Soccer Tournament	Tu.-Wed. Nov 16-17 @ 2pm
Team Bowling (Free to Students)	Wed. Dec. 1 @ 3pm

Call 357-5461 For Further Information

Spanish students treated to rare experience over the summer

Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

Estudio Internacional Sampere taught Spanish to six NSU students in Spain this past summer.

Karly Pierre, Nikki Walker, Kristy Jones, George Kampa, Detawn Rodrigues, and Heath Crawford were the students that decided to take their Spanish studies abroad. All of which were accompanied by NSU Spanish professor, Mrs. Comfort Pratt-Panford.

This was the first year for NSU students to have this kind opportunity, and also it was the first time for Comfort to participate in the program.

"I was so excited? It was like a dream come true for me," said Comfort.

Comfort wanted to start this program at NSU because she believes that a language is not just speaking, but it's the whole culture.

"When students are in a classroom to learn Spanish, they think of it as just another subject," said Comfort.

Karly Pierre shares the same feeling. "You don't see how it's used every day when only attending class three days a week."

According to Mrs. Comfort, emersion is the best way to acquire a language. If students have the opportunity to travel abroad to learn a language, that adds the missing chip and really makes the learning experience complete.

"Being there made it easier for me to speak Spanish. I learned much more by being there than sitting in a classroom here because I was directly exposed to the culture," said Walker.

Each member of the group agreed the reason for going to Spain was that it would be a "great opportunity to not only learn the language but get a cultural experience as well."

"By studying abroad, it was like a hands on approach to learning Spanish because not only were there the teachers but you're host family were teaching you also," said Jones.

What Comfort most enjoyed about the trip was the effect it had on the students.

"I would watch the students' improvement everyday," said Comfort.

Each student felt they benefitted by studying abroad.

"For more than half of the day, someone is speaking to you in Spanish as opposed to going to a class for an hour," said Crawford.

"Not only did I learn the language better but I learned a lot about the importance of Spain," said Kampa.

According to Comfort, the students have made great contacts for the future and now there is a better position to receive a great job.

"I am so happy with my students. They showed me a lot of respect which at times was too much for me," laughed Comfort.

All of her expectations for the students were met. The students came back speaking better Spanish, they made good grades, they were exposed to much more culture, and they saw all of the important places in Spain.

"There wasn't enough time! There was so much to see and do that would benefit them," said Comfort.

As of right now, the course lasts for six weeks and in those six weeks, a student earns six college credits. Comfort is considering increasing the course two more weeks which would allow the students to gain an additional three credits.

The price for the course is $4,000.00 which includes airfare, home stay with a Spanish family, tuition in Spain and NSU, and books.

Any student that is interested, please contact Comfort as soon as possible at 357-6272. Comfort believes that this program will grow rapidly.

"If everyone does their part, people are going to hear about us and they will think 'hey, if I go to NSU, I will learn something,'" she added. "And they will come...you'll see."

Student Government Association

Intent to file forms can be found in the SGA office, Room 221 Student Union.
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30 years in the business

photo by Gary Hardamon

Dr. Webb stands with the recipients of the Staff and Faculty Achievement Awards. Six university staff and 2 faculty received awards for thirty years of service at NSU.

NSU honors eight of its faculty and staff for thirty years of service

TOBY DANNA
SAUCE REPORTER

The University honored faculty and staff members who have reached their thirtieth anniversary at the University this year.

University President Dr. Randall Webb presented a commemorative plaque to the honorees' at a faculty/staff luncheon held at the Faculty Institute. Staff Achievement Awards were presented to Anna Airhart of the Computer Center, Delcie Levasseur of External Affairs, Peggy Crowder of Business Affairs, Loran Lindsey of the Physical Plant, Gay Frederick of the Registrar's office and McKinley Monette, Jr. of University Maintenance.

Dr. Stanley Chadick of the Department of Mathematics and Thomas Whitehead of the Department of Journalism received Faculty Achievement awards. Chadick and Whitehead also received gold medallions to be worn at graduation ceremonies.

"We consider all of our faculty and staff to be excellent," University President Randall Webb said. "We especially appreciate the opportunity to reward people, who have been faithful and loyal to the University."

Chadick believes the awards give professors a way to be recognized by their peers and students.

"The award is really a neat sort of thing," Chadick continued. "Too many times in other places, people will spend their life at a job and retire. That will be all there is to it. It is nice to have your work recognized and valued."

Dr. Stan Chadick came to the University thirty years ago, just after receiving his doctorate from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Of the eight graduates from the doctoral program in mathematics, Chadick received the highest starting salary, beginning as a professor here at $12,500.

Chadick felt Natchitoches was a natural fit for him.

"One of the reasons I came here was because I was raised on a rice farm in Arkansas," Chadick said. "I was very attracted to the Red River Valley, and its community feel."

During the past thirty years, Chadick has served as Curriculum Coordinator for the Louisiana School as well as being the first Director of the Louisiana Scholars' College.

Chadick commented that serving as director at Scholar's College proved challenging.

"Getting the Louisiana Scholars' College off the ground was unbelievable," Chadick said. "There are so many really wonderful people I have worked with over the years, and I could be here forever naming their names.

"Of course, I have enjoyed my time with the Math Department most of all," Chadick continued. "I think we have the greatest sense of camaraderie and community. My job is more fun today than it was thirty years ago. Being a math professor here at Northwestern is the greatest job in the world."

Tommy Whitehead came to Northwestern after spending a year as a high school teacher in Clinton, Louisiana while completing his master's thesis from Boston University. Whitehead experienced little difficulty in his first few years as an instructor at Northwestern.

"When I first started, I was only 22 years old," Whitehead remembered. "Some of my students were older than me. This might have been a problem if I made a big deal about it, but I didn't."

Whitehead's list of accomplishments in the past thirty years include serving as a member of the Louisiana Film and Video Commission under Governors' Edwin Edwards, Dave Treen, and Buddy Roemer, director of the University's International Student Exchange Program, advisor to the student media, Chair of the Institutional Effectiveness Committee, and office facilitator for the filming of Steel Magnolias.

"I was the first person to be hired and the last on the payroll," Whitehead remarked about his experience with Steel Magnolias. "As office facilitator, I helped referee the craziness, handled expense accounts and basically solved whatever problems needed solving. It was a very rich experience."

Whitehead is especially proud of his relationship with the late local folk artist Clementine Hunter.

"She called me her white son," Whitehead said. "We were very close. She was a very important and meaningful person in my life from 1966 to 1988."

Whitehead's greatest joy in teaching at the University has been interaction with the students.

" The most interesting part about working here is being in touch with the students," Whitehead said. "It's always a changing cast, good and bad. We sometimes don't realize how fortunate we are to have interaction with young people who are searching and discovering. They are a source of great joy."

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New faces at Northwestern

KIM SAYER
SAUCE REPORTER

The freshman aren't the only new faces around the campus this year. The University has a total of 42 new professors.

More professors were needed this year due to the increase in students and to fill the gaps that were left behind by professors that retired, changed to other universities or simply moved on.

Each year a national accreditation team comes in to evaluate and determines exactly how much faculty is going to be needed for the following school year based upon the previous year's enrollment, and by the amount of students that have already registered.

Each department then prepares a search list. The list is then sent to be advertised in a national journal with the professional society. The ad states the positions available and the qualifications needed.

The qualification to become a certified professor is set by SAC, Southern Association of College Standards. Most professors have a doctoral preparation, master's preparation, or special talents in things such as theater and arts.

"All the professors at NSU meet the SAC requirement," Dr. Tom Burns, Vice President of Academics said. "To find teachers is easy. We like to have a variety to choose from though. The professors we've hired this year are exceptional and very well qualified."

1999-2000 New Professors

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Ms. Barbara Russell
Dr. Jack Russell

College of Education
Dr. Reagan Curtis
Ms. Brenda Hanson

College of Nursing
Ms. Debra Baggett
Ms. Cindy Brocato
Ms. Hilda Brown
Ms. Deborah Humphery
Dr. Sandra Sayles
Mr. James Murrell
Ms. Mary Powell

Scholars College
Dr. Alexei Muravitski
Dr. Patricia Phelps

Department of Biological Sciences
Mr. John Byrd
Dr. Steven Gabrey
Dr. Ahmad Darvish

Department of Art
Dr. Roberta Walters

Department of CAPA
Mr. Christopher Foster
Dr. Janette Ralston
Mr. Scott York

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Ms. Virginia Cecchini
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Dr. Adam Janik
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Rush Week '99

Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

Fraternities can breathe a sigh of relief now that Formal Rush Week is finally over.

August 29 through September 2, the six fraternities on the University's campus held meetings and parties trying to pick up new members. Rush Week ended on Bid Day, Friday, September 2.

ΣΣΣ

Last Friday, the Rushees received their bid cards and chose the fraternity whose letters they will possibly wear for the rest of their life.

Even before school began, signs, flyers, and posters hung all over the University's campus. It was some of the first indications that rush week had begun.

Fraternity members even go through workshops before Rush to help guide them through conversations in the most important week of the year.

On Aug. 29, Formal Rush began with a convocation and an open forum welcoming new rushees. Then rushees were led by Rho Alpha's (fraternity members who guide the groups of rushees) to visit the six fraternity chapters.

KA

Here, the rushees encountered their first glimpse into the world of a fraternity.

"A couple of them seemed just to be about partying, and that's it," freshman rushee, Jacob Doucet said after his first day of rush. "I liked the fraternities that knew it wasn't just all about partying."

"There were some fraternity's that were real formal about everything," sophomore rushee, Cory Cordoba described. "They were really nice to you and there were some fraternity's that just dressed casual, like it was no big deal."

ΔΣΘ

The groups of rushees rotate through each house to meet members and receive a better understanding of the fraternity life in the chapters.

"We talk to rushees about intramural sports, social events, scholarship, community service and philanthropy," James Creswell, Theta Chi, said.

KA

"We met them, introduced ourselves and had a video that we had set up," Kyle Thomas, Pi Kappa Phi, said. "We also had some hors'dourves and tried to get them interested in Pi Kappa Phi and give them background and showed them what we were all about."

Last Tuesday, the fraternities and rushees took a break and enjoyed an all Greek exchange at the Student Union Ballroom with the sororities on campus. Rushees were able to meet the girls in the sororities and hear their opinions on Greek life.

ΦM

Wednesday was another day of Chapter visitations. This time the rushees were able to choose their top three fraternities and stay at the parties for as long a time or as short a time as they wanted to. Finally, the rushees began making their decisions.

How do rushees determine which fraternities are the best?

"The ones that weren't honest with us are the ones that weren't honest with themselves," Cordoba said. "The ones that were honest with us, and were honest about what they were about were the best fraternities."

"I liked the ones that would come to me and it wasn't me going to them," Doucet said. "I wanted them telling me what they were all about. If they could remember my name and if they showed to me they wanted to know me and wanted me, then I would want them."

KΣ

Thursday, the last night of rush, the fraternities held informal parties. Swim parties, ski parties, and cookouts were just a few of the ways the fraternities and the rushees may have concluded their week. The rushee's job was over, and the fraternity selection process began.

"For KA, it takes a 100% vote," John Michael McConnell, Kappa Alpha, said. "If one guy has a problem during the discussions, he doesn't get chosen."

On Friday, bid cards were handed out in the union. A rushee may have received anywhere from zero to several bids from fraternities. Afterward receiving the bids, the rushee chose his fraternity. The individual fraternities knew by that night how many new members accepted their bids. The fraternities will turn in the official number of new members to the Office of Greek Life today.

TKE

The rushees became pledges and attended various Bid night parties on their first night as a fraternity members. Along with parties, pledges may now be vulnerable to hazing. Even though the university has a strict policy on hazing, rumors have flown around the campus for years about secret hazing. Most fraternities take rush week to emphasize their no hazing policies.

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"Hazing is always thrown out of context," Korey Keith, Kappa Sigma, said. "Hazing is not a problem in Kappa Sigma, anymore. It's over and done with, and there are better ways to get guys to appreciate you and to build brotherhood without hazing."

"We've had guys come up to us and ask us about hazing," Thomas said "There is no hazing whatsoever in Pi Kappa Phi."

"Sigma Nu is founded on the policy of no hazing and it's one of the reasons I joined Sigma Nu," Jeff Montague, Sigma Nu said.

Rushees also emphasize their strong views on this controversial topic during rush week.

ΦBΣ

"I not paying money to stand up in front of people and have my ass-whipped and then have those people call me a brother," Cordoba stated.

Fraternities are under scrutiny by the IFC, Interfraternity Council, on what they can do.

"The Interfraternity Council is the governing body over the fraternities, basically they set up the rules regarding rush and social guidelines and plan all-greek events," Duke Johnson, Greek Advisor, said.

Rules for Rush Week include no alcohol at any of the parties and during the time designated as quiet hours, rushees may not have contact with fraternity members.

As rush week ends, the process of getting new members is not over.

AOΠ

Fraternity Open Rush is ongoing and the fraternities are always on the lookout for a potential brother.

"I have enjoyed my whole fraternity experience and, if I could change anything about the Greek system, it would be to get more guys involved and get more guys to rush," Keith said.

ΠΚΦ

Before rush, some rushees never thought about being in a fraternity.

"I was definitely anti-fraternity," Cordoba said. "Fraternities aren't what I thought it was. I found out that they accept you for who you are."

"I just thought it was a bunch of guys always throwing parties," Doucet said. "I didn't know what brotherhood was, and now I know what it is."

ΣN

Both Cordoba and Doucet became members of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

"I saw that these guys were respected around campus, and I thought I'd like to be a part of that." Doucet said.

AKA

"I decided on Sigma Nu because I am a sophomore, and I have been here for a year and know the guys," Cordoba added. "I know the guys were nice to me regardless if I was in their fraternity or not."

Jeremy Shaw, sophomore, did not go through rush because of time restraints, but encourages others.

"I would tell guys to rush, because it's fun and it's a good experience," Shaw commented.

For most rushees, last week was just the beginning of the experience. Whichever fraternity he joined, the experience will last a lifetime.

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Shreveport "MAiZE" offers outside fun for adults and children

File photo
The MAiZE on Hwy 71 in Shreveport is in the shape of Louisiana, has a riverboat image at the bottom and the word "Louisiana" at the top.

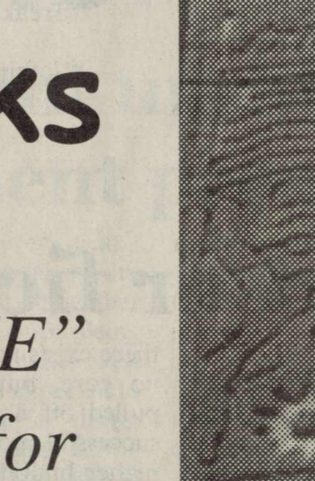
Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

If you're from the Shreveport area, you've probably noticed some strange occurrences in the corn fields.

No, no one is building a baseball field for dead baseball players. And UFO's haven't landed, leaving their confusing crop circles.

Instead, Shreveport native Mike Billings and his family have started a "maze craze" in their own backyard with the MAiZE.

The MAiZE, created by maze designer Brett Herbst, challenges the wits of adults and children alike with two miles of mind-boggling twists and turns. Herbst of Salmon, Idaho has designed a total of 45 mazes, including 27 similar corn field mazes, across the United States. The first MAiZE, founded in American Fork, Utah, became the largest corn maze in the United States. The MAiZE drew 18,000 people during its first three weeks. Herbst's outdoor "corny" attractions have gathered more than 300,000 people since its founding in 1996.



Herbst refers to his creations as "good, farming fun." At the beginning, Herbst had no intentions of grandeur; he was simply pursuing a hobby. Now, four years after completing his first maze, Herbst and his family work around the clock constantly designing his MAiZE's. The Shreveport MAiZE, covering eight acres of corn, is unique to Louisiana. Herbst designed the MAiZE in the shape of Louisiana with a riverboat image at the bottom of the maze and the word "Louisiana" across the top.

The correct pathway through the Shreveport MAiZE takes only 15 minutes from start to finish. However, because of the 85 decision points and constant swerves and curves, most maze-goers take at least one hour to complete the maze.

The MAiZE, located on Hwy 71, 9.5 miles north of I-220 [Texarkana exit], opened September 3 and will continue to confuse maze-goers until October 30. Visitors can experience the MAiZE Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4-9 p.m., Friday from 4-10 p.m and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is $5.50 for adults and $3.50 for children. Discounts are offered for families and groups. Reservations can be made by calling 1-877-802-4410.

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MTV video music awards '9/9/99' are finally here

Raechal Leone
A&E Editor

It's that time of year again; On September 9, the boy bands will put extra gel in their hair, Kid Rock will get liquored up backstage and Ricky you-know-who will perform the song that made him a pop phenomenon yet another time at the 1999 MTV Video Music Awards.

Chris Rock is slated to host the event, which will be held at New York City's Metropolitan Opera House. The diverse line-up of scheduled performers includes Ricky Martin, Lauryn Hill, Kid Rock, Jay-Z, Nine Inch Nails, DMX, TLC and the Backstreet Boys.

Unfortunately, the list of performers may be the only diverse aspect of this year's show. There is a group of about five videos that appear in a ridiculous number of categories. Predictably, this small group includes MTV staples such as Britney Spears, Will Smith and N'Sync.

The kind of videos everyone over 14-years-old publicly loathes, yet secretly enjoys watching. Someone has to be watching them, for this many nominations!

Bad videos aside, the MTV Video Music Awards are usually funny and unpredictable, and the great live performances definitely make the show worth watching. (Remember Madonna's performance of "Vogue" about nine years ago?)

Of course, the residents of Natchitoches will have to hear about the show from out-of-town friends or catch it on satellite, since MTV isn't available here.

File Photo
Chris Rock gets ready for another go as host of the MTV music video awards.

However, if you are able to tune into the awards, there are a few categories that should be interesting, such as best male, female and group video of the year. Each of these categories includes last year's winner, Will Smith, Madonna and the Backstreet Boys, respectively.

MTV has always been very loyal to these artists, but will they choose Madonna or Britney Spears? Will Smith or Ricky Martin? It's the old versus the new generation of pop, and I'm betting that MTV voters will lean more toward new acts like Jennifer Lopez and N'Sync.

This year, there is also a best artist website category, which includes Limp Bizkit, Sheryl Crow, Smashing Pumpkins and David Bowie, among others. Only MTV could find a way to get these artists in the same category.

Below is a partial list of some of the nominees and the categories they are competing in.

Look for the MTV Music Video Awards this Thursday on MTV at 8:00 p.m.

The nominees are:

Viewer's Choice Award

Backstreet Boys	"I Want it That Way"
Jay-Z	"Can I Get A...?"
Korn	"Freak On A Leash"
Ricky Martin	"Livin' La Vida Loca"
N'Sync	"Tearing Up My Heart"
TLC	"No Scrubs"

Best New Artist

Eminem	"My Name Is"
Kid Rock	"Bawitdaba"
Jennifer Lopez	"If You Had My Love"
Orgy	"Blue Monday"

Best Video of the Year

Backstreet Boys	"I Want It That Way"
Lauryn Hill	"Doo Wop (That Thing)"
Korn	"Freak On A Leash"
Ricky Martin	"Livin' La Vida Loca"
Will Smith	"Wild Wild West"

Best Male Video of the Year

Eminem	"My Name Is"
Lenny Kravitz	"Fly Away"
Ricky Martin	"Livin' La Vida Loca"
Will Smith	"Miami"

Best Female Video of the Year

Lauryn Hill	"Doo Wop (That Thing)"
Jennifer Lopez	"If You Had My Love"
Madonna	"Beautiful Stranger"
Britney Spears	"...Baby One More Time"

Best Group Video of the Year

Backstreet Boys	"I Want It That Way"
Limp Bizkit	"Nookie"
N'Sync	"Tearing Up My Heart"
Sugar Ray	"Every Morning"
TLC	"No Scrubs"

Best Rap Video of the Year

2 Pac	"Changes"
DMX	"Ruff Ryder's Anthem (Stop Drop)"
Jay-Z	"Can I Get A...?"
Nas feat. Puff Daddy	"Hate Me Now"

Best Dance Video of the Year

Cher	"Believe"
Fatboy Slim	"Praise You"
Jordan Knight	"Give It To You"
Jennifer Lopez	"If You Had My Love"
Ricky Martin	"Livin' La Vida Loca"

Best Rock Video of the Year

Limp Bizkit	"Nookie"
Korn	"Freak On A Leash"
Kid Rock	"Bawitdaba"
Lenny Kravitz	"Fly Away"
Offspring	"Pretty Fly (for a White Guy)"

Best Pop Video of the Year

Backstreet Boys	"I Want It That Way"
Jennifer Lopez	"If You Had My Love"
Ricky Martin	"Livin' La Vida Loca"
N'Sync	"Tearing Up My Heart"
Britney Spears	"...Baby One More Time"

Best Artist Website

Red Hot Chili Peppers
David Bowie
Jennifer Lopez
Massive Attack
Sheryl Crow
Smashing Pumpkins
Limp Bizkit

Breakthrough Video

Busta Rhymes	"Gimme Some More"
Eminem feat. Dr. Dre	"Guilty Conscience"
Fatboy Slim	"Praise You"
Korn	"Freak on a Leash"
U.N.K.L.E.	"Rabbit in your Headlights"

Best Special Effects

Black Eyed Peas	"Joints and Jams"
Busta Rhymes feat. Janet Jackson	"What's it Gonna Be?!"
Garbage	"Special"
Korn	"Freak on a Leash"
Will Smith	"Miami"
Madonna	"Nothing Really Matters"

Weekend's top ten movies

Bruce Willis' latest effort, "The Sixth Sense", topped the weekend box office for the fifth weekend in a row, grossing $20.1 million over the holiday weekend.

The thriller narrowly missed doubling the gross of its closest competitor, "The Thirteenth Warrior", starring Antonio Banderas. Warrior had an opening weekend gross of $10.3 million.

The Richard Gere and Julia Roberts vehicle "Runaway Bride" came in a distant third place for the weekend with a gross of $6.9 million.

In fourth place was Universal's "Bowfinger", starring Eddie Murphy, Steve Martin and Heather Graham. In its third weekend at theaters, the comedy grossed $6.6 million.

In its second weekend at the box office, "Mickey Blue Eyes" added $5.4 million to its total domestic gross of $19.8 million. The Warner Bros. comedy stars Hugh Grant as a man trying to fit into his fiancé's Mafia family.

The Pierce Bronsan drama "The Thomas Crown Affair" placed sixth for the holiday weekend, with a gross of $4.7 million.

"The Thirteenth Warrior" was the only new film to break into the top six box office spots. The other new movies, "In Too Deep", "The Astronaut's Wife" and "The Muse", placed seventh, ninth and tenth, respectively.

File Photo
Bruce Willis stars in the supernatural thriller "The Sixth Sense." The film has been atop the weekend box office five weeks in a row.

Blair Witch fact or fiction

Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

Now that Natchitoches' own Parkway Cinema decided to finally carry the Blair Witch Project, the theater will soon be responsible for some sleepless nights for the fearful at heart moviegoers.

Blair Witch has become a phenomenon across the country and it won't stop in little ol' Natchitoches. It's become a bona-fide sensation. The movie had a tiny budget (approximately $40,000) and an even smaller premise.

The three main characters take a weekend camping trip into the Maryland wilderness in search of a legendary (fictitious) Blair Witch.

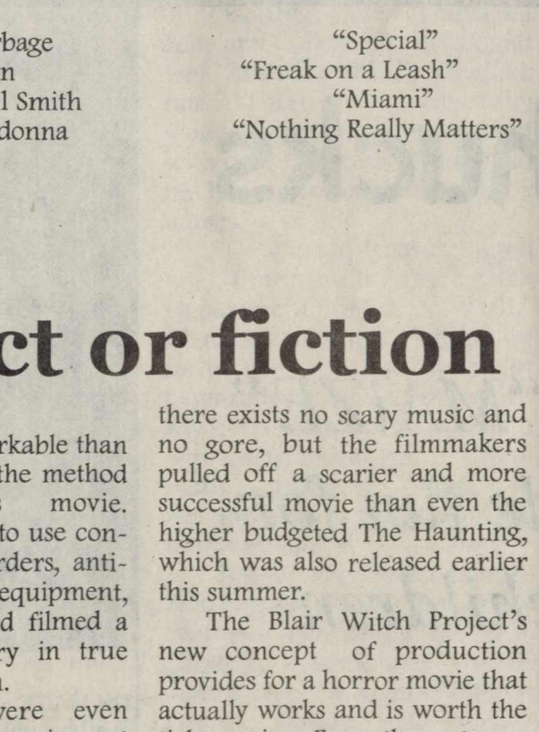
The trio interviews locals and pilgrimage deep into the woods in search of the Blair Witch. Before long, all hell breaks loose as the group is haunted by strange sounds in the night, losing their way in the wilderness, and become frightened to tears by unknown visitors in the night. The movie leaves the audience with the characters terrifying screams ringing in the ears and chills down the spine -for at least five minutes anyway.

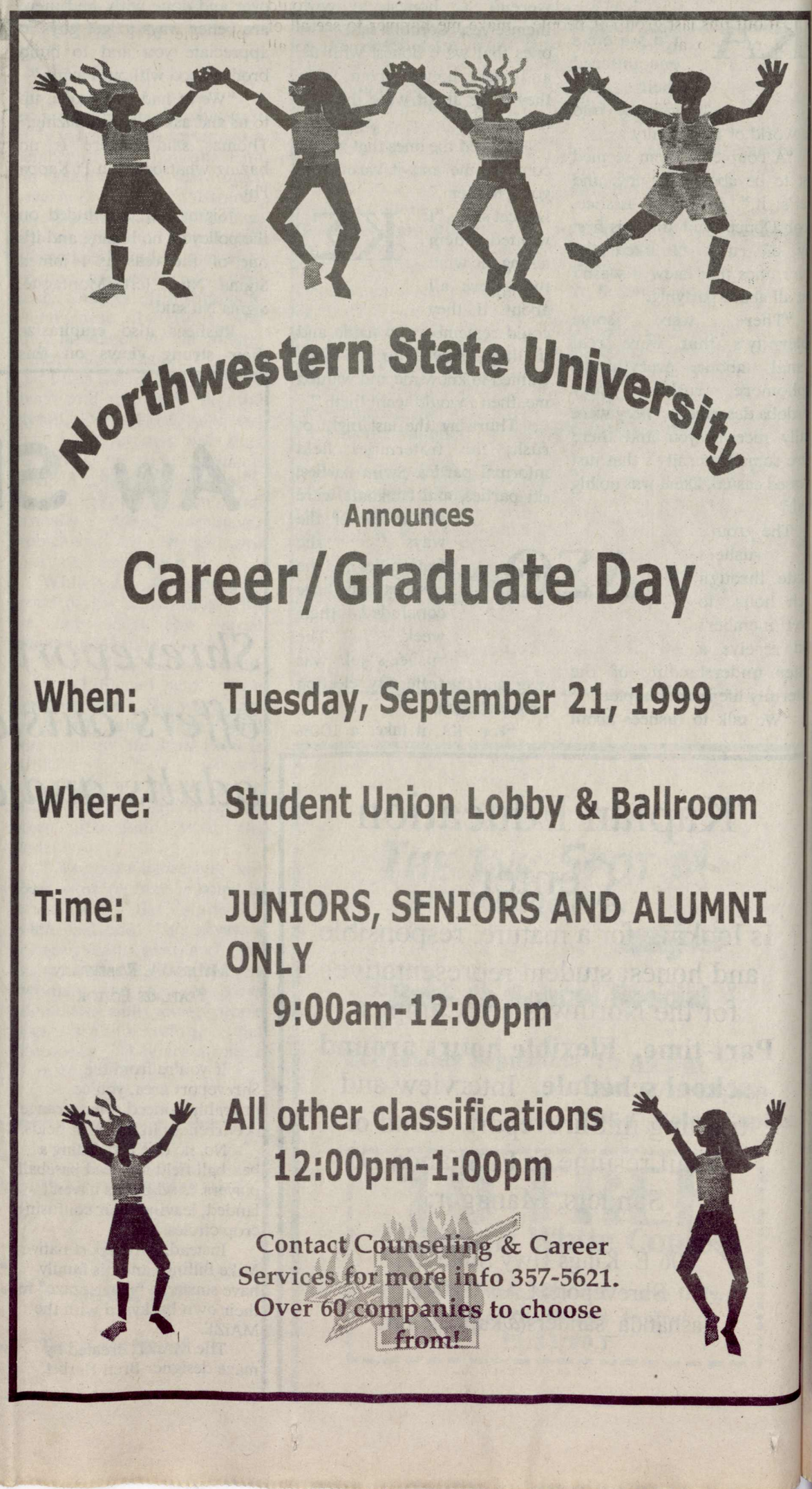
Even more remarkable than the movie itself, is the method of producing this movie. Filmmakers decided to use consumer grade camcorders, antiquated 16 mm film equipment, unknown actors, and filmed a pseudo documentary in true documentary fashion.

The actors were even trained to use the equipment themselves. They were also set loose to pursue their adventure as if they really were the characters. The actors, by the way, used their real-life names in the movie which possibly aided them in becoming their characters. Each day the actors; Heather Donahue, Michael Williams, and Joshua Leonard (who, by the way, are still alive at the present time) would find milk crates stocked with food, directions on what to do and what to film. As each day progress they were asked to hike on less and less food.

Unlike higher budget horror flicks, there exists no scary music and no gore, but the filmmakers pulled off a scarier and more successful movie than even the higher budgeted The Haunting, which was also released earlier this summer.

The Blair Witch Project's new concept of production provides for a horror movie that actually works and is worth the ticket price. Even the extreme shaky camerawork that turns off some viewers, help add to the terror of Blair Witch. It may not be completely convincing at times, but audiences won't run to camp in the woods after seeing the movie, that's for sure.





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From the editor

Every now and then I find myself in the position to help someone out. Although it may be as simple as helping them find the right building, the gesture is appreciated nonetheless.

This year, while I am sure I may help people to the right building, I know I can do more for you than provide the quickest route to your science class.

For those of you who do not know me I am your Student Government President and the Editor of *The Current Sauce*.

I hope you do not mistake my intent in this column for some call for praise and adoration. After all, I do not have the time to sign autographs.

I simply want to make my services known to you.

While the roles of SGA President and Editor prove to be adversarial at many schools and have done the same here, I hope to combine the influence of the two positions to further represent you.

At this point I am sure you are asking: What's in it for you Shawn?

Nothing more than my scholarships, I assure you.

Do not worry about me, I do not need your donations for my sacrifices.

So let's get back to you!

How can I help you?

First, I do not mind asking questions on your behalf. Especially if I cannot answer them myself.

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Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor, The Current Sauce
SGA President

And that's the bottom line

Well, well, well here we are again for another beautiful fall semester at Northwestern. Another summer gone and most everyone has returned.

Some are wiser from a hard, hot laborious summer job. Some are lazier after sitting around on their collective rears and letting mommy and daddy pay for everything. And then there are those that are in awe of what they are currently experiencing.

In case you haven't figured it out this last group of people I refer to are the proverbial freshmen; the young men and women who are away from their nice comfortable beds and their home cooked meals for perhaps the first times in their life.

They have traded warm beds for hard ones, home cooked meals for the Aramark special and hot showers for the famous "Rapides Hall Frozen Willie's Wild Ride."

They have come for many reasons. A quality education is atop the list of some, as it should be, but for most of these young men and women the reason they are at college is to party as much as they can before their grades come to their homes in December. And after that I don't think we'll be seeing much of them again.

While that sounds harsh, it is a sad fact of all colleges not just our. The freshman class dwindles down considerably once the spring semester rolls around. I hate to see it happen, but it's true. Nothing would make me happier to see all of the new students here go all the way and receive that degree. But unfortunately, all most care about is Thursday night and going to the Body.

Hey, I'm not an old fogey. I like to go out and have just as good time a time as the next guy, but there's a point of when to stop. And you'll realize that point has come and probably gone when those midterm grades are in hand and all you see before your eyes is that one magical letter over and over again - the F.

So I say to you Class of 2003 party, have a great time. The experience is all part of college. But please know when to put down the Budweiser and pick up the Math 1020 book.

After that, go pick the beer back up.

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Letters to the Editor

Religious columnist found repetitive

For some time now, Ben and I have observed weekly columns in the Current Sauce discussing Christianity, being "saved", and the like. While both of us believe that choosing one's own path is a basic human right, we see very little point in continuing these repetitious articles.

Let's think about this logically. The Current Sauce's readers can be divided into two basic groups: 1) Those who are Christian. 2) Those who have read these many articles and remain non-Christian. What's the point? The first group has attained 'salvation'. The second group has already heard the message... repeatedly. At best, the second group will simply ignore the articles. At worst, these essays will make them antagonistic towards fundamentalist religions.

Our point is this: These articles repeatedly tell the campus that one must be Christian or in the end he/she is going to get it. We are not trying to tread on the freedom of press, however, we feel that it is hypocritical to use this freedom to dictate, with no proof other than your own beliefs, that your way is The Way and it is the only path anyone should follow. Ben and I are not, as I feel you might suspect, members of the same belief system. Our beliefs are actually as different as night and day - expect for one very important area. We respect one another's beliefs enough not to feel that we must convert each other or call each other to "submission". (I, Marcie, personally take offense to this word being directed toward me). We typically would only admonish another person when deliberate harm was being inflicted on someone else or ourselves.

Why must an article be printed every week calling our diverse student population to submit to a single belief system? Yes, we have freedoms in America, but freedom means responsibility and that means respect (of other cultures, beliefs, etc.) If we feel like speaking up concerning religion, why don't we act as scholars: Write an informative column in which the author elaborates on different aspects of his/her belief system yet does not attempt to convert the entire student body. In this manner, everyone can learn about these beliefs if they wish to, whether they are a part of it or not, in a non-threatening and non-offensive manner. Isn't learning and expanding your horizons what college is really all about?

Sincerely,

Marcie Kimball and Benjamin Williams,
Senior Physics Students

Student unsatisfied with fee payment process

It happens every year... Okay, twice a year. There are dates you have to remember that come every 365. Being married, I am made well aware of this. I am expected to know and prepare for things like anniversaries and birthdays, and usually expected to be better and better prepared every year. Fortunately, I manage to have cards, presents and whatever else goes along with these certain dates. Otherwise, my wife would probably be on death row and Iíd be in that great News22 in the sky.

Most of the first year students canít yet identify with those aspects of life which I just mentioned. Theyíre not married. But, there is one aspect of college life that I, the freshman and Northwestern students of every vintage can appreciate and collectively yell for justice about: our old friend fee payment.

First off all, if you donít think thereís a problem with fee payment you need mental help or you need to go to a federal prison. Fee payment is the method by which all students pay for college, and by which most receive the funds to pay for it. If it goes long, you go from your time to cutting on the students time, which means they miss meetings, work and even classes. Yes, no matter what anyone tells us we will skip class for fee payment. One class that we can miss anyway is not worth going a day or two longer without our ID to get in the dorms or to access our meal plans or use our financial aid to buy books.

My experience with fee payment was not my worst, neither was it close to my best. It took two hours to get through. Though you have to consider that I only was in line for the fee sheet table, cashiers, the ID line, and the parking sticker line. There were two workers at fee payment who I noticed had just come in about the time I got there, and I vividly remember them being reprimanded for being late. Had these individuals been on time, the other students and I might of had our fee payment line time cut by thirty minutes or so. This probably isnít the worst student experience a student had, but I have yet to hear that anyone just shot through the lines.

That being said, I have been through several fee payments at this school, and I will admit there have even been a couple of falls when I have gone through the process in less than half an hour. That was absolutely not the case this semester. We knew there was going to be large influx of students this year. There always is in the fall. Yes, this was the largest incoming freshman class NSU has ever seen, and believe me, if you work for Financial Aid I feel for you there. But you knew it was going to happen. It happens twice a year. Twice. Can you imagine the upswing in grade-point-averages if all classes met only twice a year for one or two tests? Or if you had to go to work two days a year? Now, Iím not saying fee payment is all that FA does, but fee payment is a big deal, and the length of the process has been a problem long before I came here when there was still a fourth column. Iím not blaming anyone for the situation, but something needs to be done. I would ask... no, challenge those involved in the process to look for some way to cut the time down. I even have a suggestion. Split fee payment up like you did registration, Not departmentally, but do some of the process, like ,maybe a few of the larger groups of letters at other sites, like in the Student Union building or the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Come on people. If I can remember to send my mother-in-law a card on her birthday, anything is possible.

Michael Liberto

Volleyball With Four Wins To Start The Season

BRYAN SATAWA
SAUCE REPORTER

The Lady Demon volleyball team opened the season in a smashing fashion winning four of the five games they played last week.

The Demons opened the season against Centenary in Shreveport and came away with a 3-1 (15-4, 15-10, 6-15 15-6) victory. Lauren Thorman had nine ace serves and Christina Stone had nine kills for the Demons in the season opener for both teams.

New head coach James Onikeku was happy with the win

"I really did not know what to expect and I am just happy to get the first win," Onikeku told.

The Demons then traveled to Troy, Alabama to play in the Troy State volleyball tournament. In the first two matches on Friday the Demons played Mercer University and Samford. The Demons easily won both matches beating Mercer 3-0 (15-7, 15-6, 15-7) and Samford 3-0 (16-14, 15-4, 15-9).

On Saturday the Demons played New Orleans and lost their first match of the season 0-3 (14-16, 1-15, 6-15). In the last game of the tournament the Demons played Troy State. The Demons won the match in a five game thriller 3-2 (3-15, 16-14, 15-1, 15-17, 15-11).Jessica Smith led the way for the Demons in this match with 14 kills and 7 digs. Kim Hand and Lauren Thorman each had 11 kills in the match.

With the win the Demons finished in second place at the tournament and left Troy, Alabama with a 4-1 record on the season.

Next week the Demons will play at Grambling, and then travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma to play in the University of Tulsa tournament.

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Turnovers contaminate Demons

Six interceptions plus two fumbles equals 20-13 loss

News Bureau

Tony Taylor shined among the Demon football player rushing for 144 yards on 22 carries. Tony also had the only touchdown, a one-yard trip over the goal line.

KRIS COLLINSWORTH
SPORTS EDITOR

The 7th-ranked Northwestern State Demons had a rash of turnovers Saturday at Mumford Stadium.

Eight turnovers gave the Southern Jaguars an advantage as the Demons dropped their season opener 20-13.

Safety Richard Gant caught two of the six interceptions by Southern, including one at the Jaguar 5 midway of the fourth quarter in a comeback chance.

Another botched pass hindered the Demon last-minute drive. Safety Edreece Brown grabbed a pass at the Jaguar 30 with 2:10 left as the Demons marched downfield.

Another chink in the Demons attack came in the form of 14 penalties for 93 yards.

Southern capitalized on a couple of Demon errors to take an early 6-0 lead on a 33 and 26 yard field goal by Justin Mattingly.

Southern increased its lead 14-0 in the closing second of the fourth quarter on a 3-yard run Ryan Lewis and a two-point conversion pass to An'trevion Joubert from Troy Williams.

The Demons accumulated four first downs in the first half and senior quarterback Brad Spangler was bumped off for the night with a knee injury.

Then enter Aubrey Jones, a sophomore quarterback, who threw for 94 yards in a first time appearance, despite throwing five interceptions.

Northwestern State got a kickstart for Nathan Black late in the third quarter, who set up a one-yard run for Demon Tony Taylor with a 27-yard punt return.

Despite the loss, Taylor posted 144 yards rushing while Black acquired 140 all-purpose yards.

Northwestern neared the Jaguar 9-yard line, but moved backward due to a holding penalty, which cause the Demon to take a 32-yard Clint Sanford.

Southern shifted momentum-changer with 3:02 left in the third when Barry Smith fumbled and Southern's Channing Warner landed on the ball at the NSU 16.

Southern lit the scoreboard up four snaps later when Lee Smith sailed across the goal line.

Northwestern State twice got inside the southern 30 in the fourth. Sanford nailed his third field goal of the night a 44-yarder with 4:09 left inching the Demon to 20-13.

Theses two teams collided for the seventh straight year in the season opener. for both billed as the "Clash o Champions II" sinch both team won their conference two-year straight..

A crowd of 27,195 witnessed at Mumford Stadium as the matchup was a sellout for the fourth year.

Lord leads him to NSU

Onikeku new head vball coach

CADE BRUMLEY
SAUCE REPORTER

As the NSU volleyball demons take the court this fall, they will be under the leadership of first year coach, James Onikeku.

Onikeku, a devout Christian, is originally from Lagos, Nigeria.

The desire for a college education brought Onikeku to the United States in 1985. Onikeku enrolled at Tennessee Temple University and was disappointed when he discovered there was no men's volleyball team.

So what did he do? He concentrated his efforts to soccer, where he was awarded a scholarship and was able to continue his education. Onikeku graduated from Tennessee Temple in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in General Business Administration.

During this time, he began his duties as assistant volleyball coach under the direction of head coach Jeff Rector. From 1989- 1994 TTU was able to compile a record of over .500 in the NAIA.

At the end of the 94 season, he moved to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he landed another assistant coaching position. During this span of 4 years, Onikeku attained his masters in administration and supervision.

Now, Onikeku is ready to bring the Lady Demons to the fountain of success.

"Anything less than .500 will be a disappointment," Onikeku said, regarding the upcoming season.

Onikeku's first year goal is to make the conference tournament, which is certainly attainable considering the Lady Demon's 4-1 start. Onikeku stresses that his freshmen have been playing well in recent competitions.

Also, Elizabeth Perez, a transfer student out of Miami-Dade Junior College is a great addition according to Onikeku.

He expects leadership from his co-captains Lori Dyer and Kim Hand. Describing himself as an aggressive, demanding, and fun coach, Onikeku always strives for perfection.

Onikeku who is also a Baptist missionary believes the Lord brought him to NSU.

"If you seek, you will find" coach Onikeku told concerning his decision to come to Natchitoches.

News Bureau

Sophomore quarterback Aubrey Jones threw for 94 yard on 25 attempts, eight completions, and five interceptions, in a first-time appearance.

Women's' CC hopeful on season

JAY LYLES
SAUCE REPORTER

Last year's Southland Conference fourth place women's' cross-country team, Northwestern State University, is gearing up for some very tough competition in the upcoming season.

This year, the cross-country team will consist of eight girls. There will be four returning seniors: Chante" Daily, Liza Mulholland, Jody Weierholt and Molly Wingard.

There will also be two sophomore runners, Kristy McDaniel and Emily Norton. Finally, rounding out the team will be two freshmen runners, Lisa Fortenberry and Crystal Munsinger.

Second year assistant coach Silvia Salinas has a very positive outlook on the season. She said that her former five years of coaching in Texas and last year's experiences have helped her prepare better for this season.

"I know more about the conference and the girls to look out for," Salinas said of how her former experience will be of help this year.

Her realistic goals for the season are quite well defined despite tough competition from other schools in the conference.

The girls hope to take at least third in the SLC, while placing three or four girls in the top 10.

Salinas said that this would be hard because UTA and McNeese have prepared by loading up with foreign girls, and Stephen F. Austin has one of the larger teams in the SLC.

The team members themselves are feeling positive about the season as well.

"I'm nervous because we lost some girls from last season and had to pick up some new ones, but it's a good kind of nervous," said Daily, one of the teams returning seniors, when asked how she was feeling about this year's team.

Wingard, another senior, said that she likes this season much better already.

"We're feeling better this season because we have more miles in practice and we're feeling more conditioned," she said.

Munsinger, the freshman out of Rusk, Texas, had a much different perspective on the team as she has come to NSU from high school.

"It has been a big change but a good one," she said. "There's more team unity here."

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BRIEFS

Comets win third straight title

The Houston Comets' third WNBA championship was for Kim.

One day after playing one of her worst games, Cynthia Cooper played one of her toughest, scoring 24 points as the Comets remained the league's only champion, beating the New York Liberty 59-47 Sunday.

Even in the heat of the championship game, thoughts were never far from Comets guard Kim Perrot, who died Aug. 19 following a seven-month battle with cancer.

"We said that Kim wasn't here physically, but she was definitely here in spirit," forward Sheryl Swoopes said. "She will always be a part of the Comets."

One banner read "3 for 10" imploring the Comets to win their third WNBA title for Perrot, who wore No. 10. The Comets did just that by winning the final game of the best-of-3 series.

Reds Take Down Cubbies 6-3

Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 58th home run but the Cincinnati Reds beat the Chicago Cubs 6-3 Monday.

Sosa pulled four homers ahead of Mark McGwire with along solo shot in the third off Juan Guzman (5-2) that landed on Waveland Avenue.

Sosa, six games ahead of the pace of his 66-homer season of a year ago, also walked and struck out twice. He needs 12 homers in his final 26 games to tie McGwire's record.

Cincinnati remained four games behind New York in the NL wild-card race. The Reds began the day 2 1/2 games behind Houston in the NL Central.

Ripken slugs 400th homer

It's one milestone down and one to go for Cal Ripken after the Oriole third baseman slugged his 400th career home run Thursday night in an 11-6 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Ripken joined an exclusive circle of sluggers whose membership now stands at 29 when he connected for a three-run homer off right-hander Rolando Arrojo in the third inning. The homer, estimated at 372 feet, was his 16th of the season and first since July 25. He spent a month on the disabled list with nerve irritation in his lower back before being activated Wednesday.

Ripken also entered Thursday's game 32 hits short of becoming the 24th player to reach the 3,000 mark in his career.

Panthers edge Patriots, 23-20

John Kasay's 61-yard field goal as time expired lifted the Carolina Panthers to a 23-20 victory over the New England Patriots on Thursday night.

Kasay's kick cleared the crossbar by just inches, ending a game that featured two lead changes and a tie in the final 9:34.

The winning kick came after Adam Vinatieri tied it on a 58-yarder with three seconds left. Carolina's Spencer Reid recovered the onside kick at the New England 44-yard line, and the officials ruled that he was down with one second remaining, so Kasay trotted on for what was the longest field goal in franchise history, either in exhibition or regular-season play.

Demons focus on Southern Miss

KALEB BREAUX
SAUCE REPORTER

After a 20-13 defeat against Southern, the Demons must regroup before heading into Hattiesberg to face the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi.

Northwestern and Southern Miss. last met on September 28, 1985. The Golden Eagles won the contest 14-7. These two teams have met 21 times dating back to 1930. Northwestern leads this series meeting with a record of 11-10 against Southern Miss.

Southern Miss. is led by head coach Jeff Bower, as they have been for the past eight years. Bower's record over his eight year reign at Southern Miss. is 50-40-1.

In 1999 the Golden Eagles are looking to make their second consecutive bowl appearance.

The Golden Eagles have forty-five returnees after losing eighteen from last season. Of these eighteen lost were nine starters, which might hurt the Golden Eagles this season.

Amongst the forty-five returning is senior, wide-receiver Sherrod Gideon. Gideon had 1,186 receiving yards with 13 touchdowns last season. Gideon was also recognized as a 2nd team All-American. Sherrod Gideon is a force to be reckoned with alone. The Demon's secondary must have a good defensive game to contain Gideon.

Another key player in Saturday's game is sophomore, running back Derrick Nix. Nix rushed for 1,180 yards last season and also had 9 touchdowns. Nix was selected as the 1998 Conference USA Freshman of the Year. Once again, this proves that the Demon defense must be a big contributor for a Northwestern victory next Saturday.

Even though defense is the name of the game on Saturday, you cannot score without a great offense.

"Southern Miss. has strength in their defensive front,"says Coach Goodwin. "We must protect our quarterback in order to win."

Protecting the quarterback in Saturday's game will be a huge goal for the Demons. This means that the offensive line will have to step up to neutralize the Golden Eagles' defensive front. The offensive line led by senior center William Broussard must be on their toes all throughout the game reading the blitz, opening holes for the backs, or even protecting the quarterback.

Being quick with the pass is another challenge that the Demons will face next Saturday. Pressuring the quarterback is one of Southern Miss.'s defensive attributes. Time in the pocket will be short for sophomore Aubrey Jones. Getting rid of the ball quickly will help to neutralize the Southern Miss. pass rush.

Because of the aggressive style of defense that the Golden Eagles tend to throw at their opponent, the Demons will have to mix up their offense to keep the defense on their toes. This will again be a determining factor for Northwestern.

"We have to have a ' let it all hang out' attitude," says Coach Goodwin. "We have nothing to lose."

DEMONS SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Sept. 7th
Volleyball@ Grambling, 7p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10th
Soccer TROY STATE, 1 p.m.

Volleyball@ Tulsa Tourney, TBA.

Saturday, Sept. 11th
Football @ Southern Miss., 6 p.m.

Volleyball@ Tulsa Tourney, TBA

Sunday, Sept. 12
Soccer@ SW Texas, 1 p.m.

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Dynamite comes packaged in Bagala

Shares thought on NSU Athletic Program and CC

JAY LYLES
SAUCE REPORTER

Year in and year out, the NSU mens cross-country team is consistently a bright spot for the school, and this year will be no different. On that team, however, is a member we seldom hear about, sophomore Blair Bagala.

Bagala came to NSU from a small 1-A school, Ascension Catholic High School, in 1997. He walked on to the cross-country team and has poured his heart and soul into being one of the most devoted and active members of NSU Cross-Country ever since.

During his high school career, Bagala won many awards. He was District MVP his senior year and won first place at the district meet that year.

After taking first in district, he was favored to do very well at state. Bagala caught the flu, however, and rather than sit out his final state meet, he went on to run and finish in the top 10 out of 123.

His devotion and dedication put several offers on the table, including partial scholarships from Nicholls and Northeast. He opted not to take these offers; although, the thought did cross his mind.

This thought was quickly put to rest when he came to NSU for the first time. Not only was it a nice campus with friendly people, but it offered the opportunity to be more than part of a team, but part of a family as well.

"I felt it [NSU] was the place I had to be," said Bagala of why he decided to come to NSU. "There was a feeling of belonging and closeness here that the other schools didn't offer in their athletic programs."

Now two years and a ripped muscle later, Bagala is still making tracks around the track and the campus without any regrets.

"I may not be the most talented person on the team," he says "but I will be there to work and support any member of my team family at any of our events."

"Of course I'm happy with my choice," explained Bagala. "Since I've been here, I have been part of the 1997-98 SLC indoor champs team and the 1998-99 outdoor champs team."

While he may not be the most physical member of the team, it would be tough to find another with as much pride, integrity and feeling.

With the cross-country team preparing for action, NSU students and fans can make their way out to the practices and meets and see at least one man run on heart and soul.

Soccer slams UALR, take loss from Tulane

BRYAN SATAWA
SAUCE REPORTER

The Lady Demon soccer team had some ups and downs winning one of three games that they played last week.

In there first game of the season the Demons played Southern Mississippi, on the road in Hattiesburg. Southern Mississippi took advantage of some early defensive breakdowns by the Demons and led 6-0 at half time.

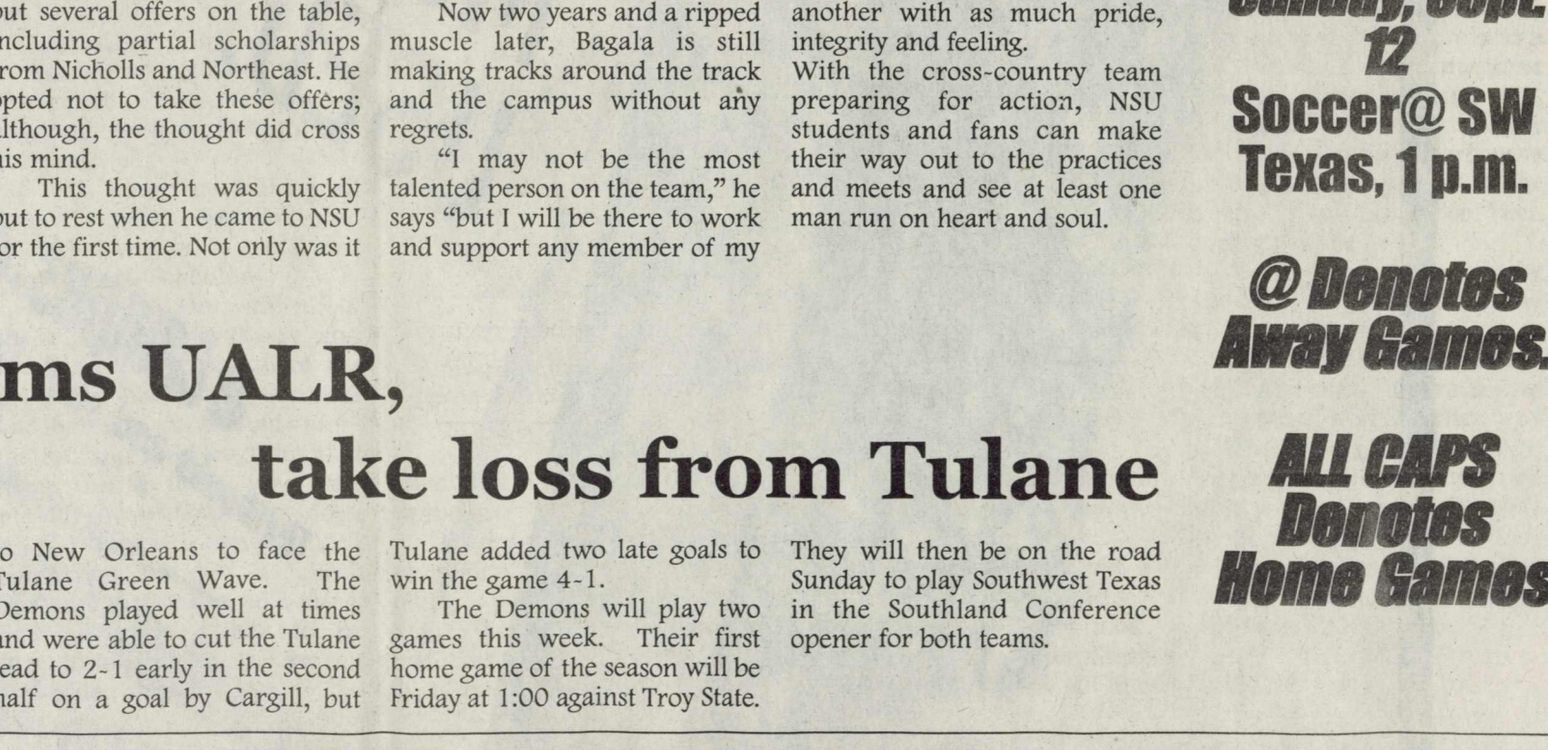
"Defensively we were a little unorganized and they took advantage of that," head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "We did some good things in the second half and the only goal they got on us in the second half was on a penalty kick."

The Demons then traveled to Little Rock, Ark., to play Arkansas Little Rock. Goalkeeper Tifanny Swingler made 10 saves in a shutout goaltending performance as the Demons rolled to a 2-0 victory.

Joanne McKee and Katheryn Latio lais scored the two goals for the Demons. The first goal came on a assist from Stephanie O'Neil in the first half and the second goal was in the second half off a beautiful feed from Britany Cargill. " We played much better in this game and it was a better overall group effort by the team," said Mitchell.

The Demons then traveled to New Orleans to face the Tulane Green Wave. The Demons played well at times and were able to cut the Tulane lead to 2-1 early in the second half on a goal by Cargill, but Tulane added two late goals to win the game 4-1.

The Demons will play two games this week. Their first home game of the season will be Friday at 1:00 against Troy State. They will then be on the road Sunday to play Southwest Texas in the Southland Conference opener for both teams.



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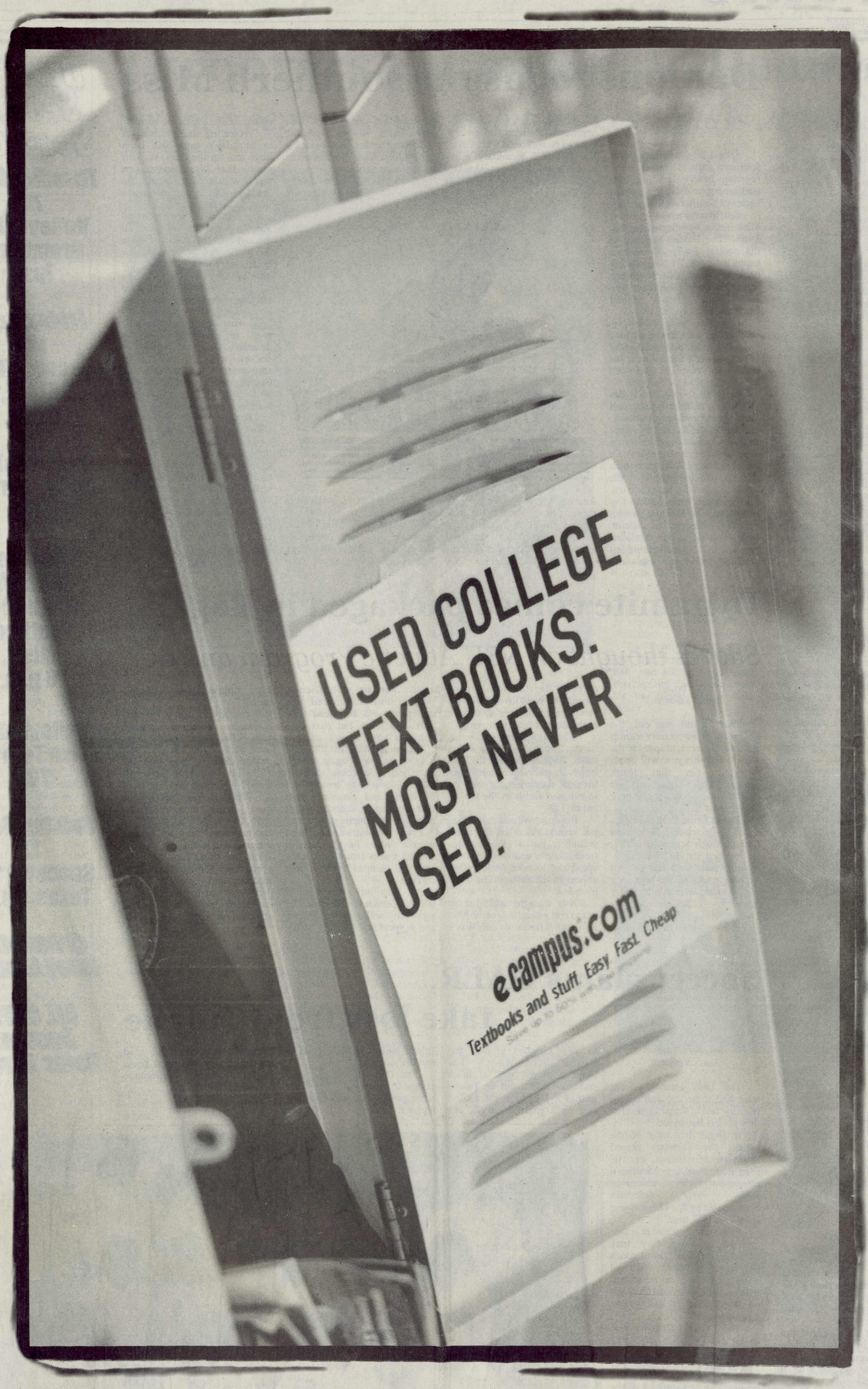

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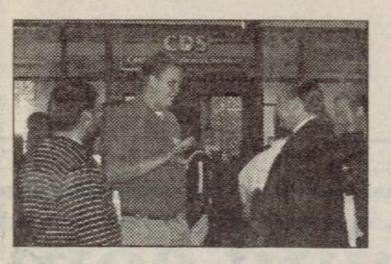

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Luncheon to have "impact" on University

SHAWN T. HORNSBY
EDITOR

Providing better-qualified and educated people for the local workforce is the focus of a series of "Impact Luncheons".

The University's Job Location Office hosted the first luncheon in the Student Union Ballroom last Thursday. Thanks to the support of O.S. Johnson, Inc., the company that underwrote the luncheon, over two hundred area business leaders crowded the Ballroom to learn the benefits of hiring Northwestern students.

"We hope today that we accomplish our purpose by telling you about the new opportunities that we offer, that is the University to the community," Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president for student affairs said in his address to the audience. "At the same time we hope that you are learning something about those type of characteristics that our students bring..."

The Job Location Office, created about 10 months ago for students who want or need to work their way through school operates similar to an employment agency.

Besides such services as a resume referral system, a job location database that will eventually connect to the internet and a resume call which is a prescreening service provided by the Job Location Office, Evie Posey, the new job location officer, said the office will contact personal references and previous employers.

"We want to make sure that we are sending you students who are prepared to meet the challenges of the workplace and who would best represent your business," Posey said.

Also scheduled were members of the business community, who have used the Job Location Service. Two of the Natchitoches business owners who have used the service, Nettles Brown owner of Brown's Accounting Service and David Waskom of Waskom & Associates spoke of their experiences with the service.

Brown mentioned a couple of the specific services that proved most helpful to him.

"One of them is, they are gonna do the screening for you," he said. "That to me was a big help. Because when I start looking for employees, I don't have time to go through 15 or 20 resumes and interview those people..."

Brown used the service for the first time this year. After he gave the qualifications to the

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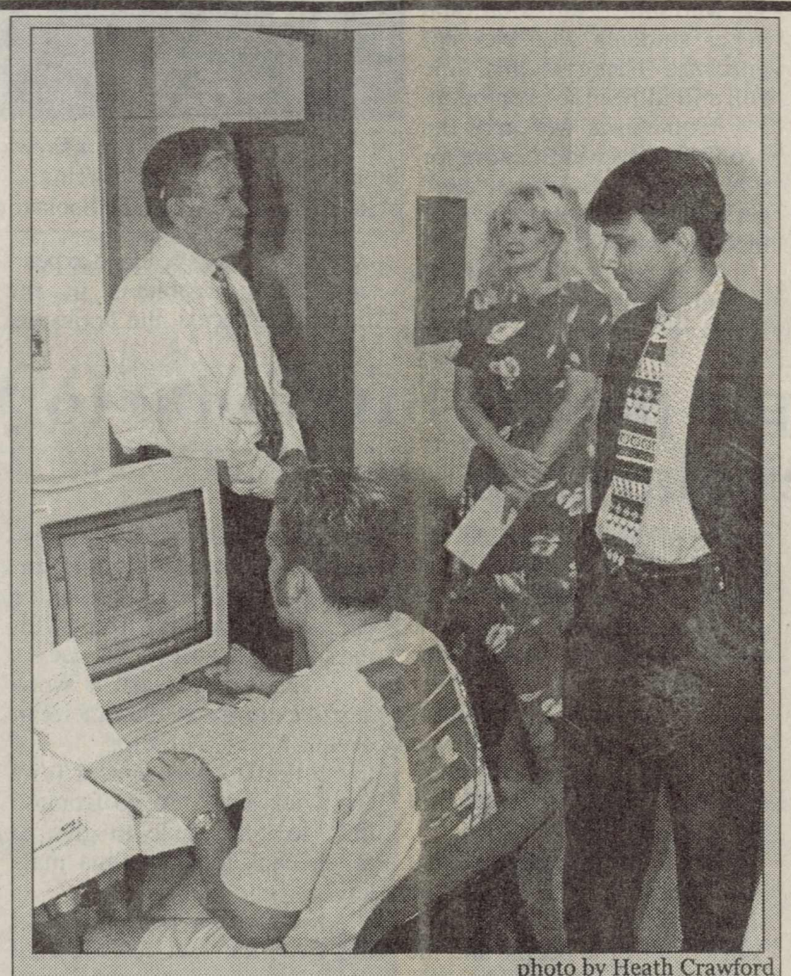

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Bobby Jindal (right), University of Louisiana System President, toured the journalism and student media areas at the University yesterday evening. Josh Beavers, managing editor of The Current Sauce, explains the layout work each section editor completes before publication.

Professors dig up past during Archaeology Week

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NSU professors will dig up Louisiana's past and public awareness during Archaeology Week.

Louisiana Archeology Week, scheduled for Sept. 26 to Oct. 2, is a statewide effort to involve and inform the community of archaeological research being done in the area.

Several NSU professors will be presenting lectures and demonstrations for the northwest region of the state. H.F. Gregory, professor of Anthropology, will be lecturing with George Avery, site archeologist for Los Adaes State Commemorative Area, at the Kent Plantation House on Sept. 30. Gregory will speak on the Indians of Rapides Parish.

Gregory explained that Indians wanting to escape persecution from the English after the French and Indian War sought refuge in this area, that was at the time controlled by the Spanish. However, Gregory added, prehistoric tribes occupied the area before this exodus. Gregory also said that Louisiana Indian mounds are the oldest in the United States.

"Louisiana has a long Indian heritage," said Gregory. "A lot of things we can learn out of the ground that we can't learn from written history because it is mostly from the European standpoint. The voices of Indians and Blacks aren't in the paper-trail."

Tommy Hailey, assistant professor of anthropology and director of the Cultural Resource Office, will be demonstrating archaeological site mapping techniques at Fort St.

John on Sept. 27 and 28. He said he is making a site map at Fort St. John because the Office of State Parks doesn't have one. He also said he wants give the public a chance to see archaeologists at work.

"Archaeology is something they see on television," said Hailey. "People have a lot of misconceptions about archaeology, so this project will give people an opportunity to see

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Police arrest suspect after chase through Sabine Dorm

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SAUCE REPORTER

Natchitoches City Police arrested a man in Sabine Hall on several charges after a brief chase through town.

According to a press release issued by City Police, City Police Detective Seargent Julius Armstrong tried to stop Reginald W. Malbrough, 26, on North Street in connection with forgery charges. Malbrough fled from the scene.

Malbrough drove to Sabine Hall and ran inside, where residents say he forced himself into the room of two female students.

"He just walked in and closed the door," said Paige Mitchell, a Sabine Hall resident.

"We thought, 'What in the world is going on?," said Megan Carpenter, another Sabine Hall resident. "All we saw was cops going everywhere."

Police covered each exit to prevent Malbrough from escaping said Carpenter.

"He was apprehended in Sabine Dorm without incident," according to the City Police.

City Police arrested and charged Malbrough with nine counts of forgery, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, not having a drivers' license, and resisting arrest by flight.

Malbrough remains in the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center.

Malbrough, who also goes by the name Eric Wayne Ingram, is wanted in Texas on similar charges.

University ready for Y2K

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SAUCE REPORTER

Despite the constant worrying and fretting as the year 2000 approaches, Dr. Anthony Scheffler, Director of the Computer Center, says NSU will be ready for the new millennium.

About a year and a half ago, a concerted effort by the Computer Center began to make all computer systems Y2K compatible.

"We began by making all critical systems compliant—the ones that will cripple the university," said Scheffler.

Critical systems are all of the main frame software and hardware programs, all of the programs that are run to calculate financial or student information and any programs that might build upon what the main frame programming does.

To make a system Y2K compliant, there is a "check process" that has to take place. First, everything has to be inventoried that may have an embedded chip in it.

"This is quite an ordeal," said Scheffler.

Inventory takes such a long time, Scheffler divided the systems into segments and appointed someone over each segment.

photo by Virginia L Dixon

University officials seem to be confident that all systems will still be go on January 1, 2000.

During the inventory, an assessment of the level of compliance is conducted on each item. According to Scheffler, this was complicated because "you either had to physically test the piece or contact the vendor and get a certified letter stating whether it is compliant or not."

Based on the information from the inventory, a system is either corrected, replaced or upgraded.

Once a piece is corrected, a test has to be run to check to see if the correction really took. Once tested, "make everything live" which means to put the piece back on line.

After every system has been inventoried, assessed, corrected and tested, the Computer Center designed a contingency plan for each system. The contingency plan was designed as a precautionary element so that at some point in the next year if something fails because of some unforeseen reason, there was a Y2K bug in the system, there would be a back up plan.

Parallel to the efforts of the Computer Center to upgrade the "life support systems" of the campus, they have also been working on the PC's.

"We'll end up replacing over 300 PC's on campus," said Scheffler.

As for the students here at NSU," The students are set up pretty well," said Scheffler.

The student labs located on campus are all Y2K compliant because they were purchased in time to be compatible.

Dr. Scheffler feels nothing but confidence as NSU approaches 2000.

Crew team to receive new storage facility

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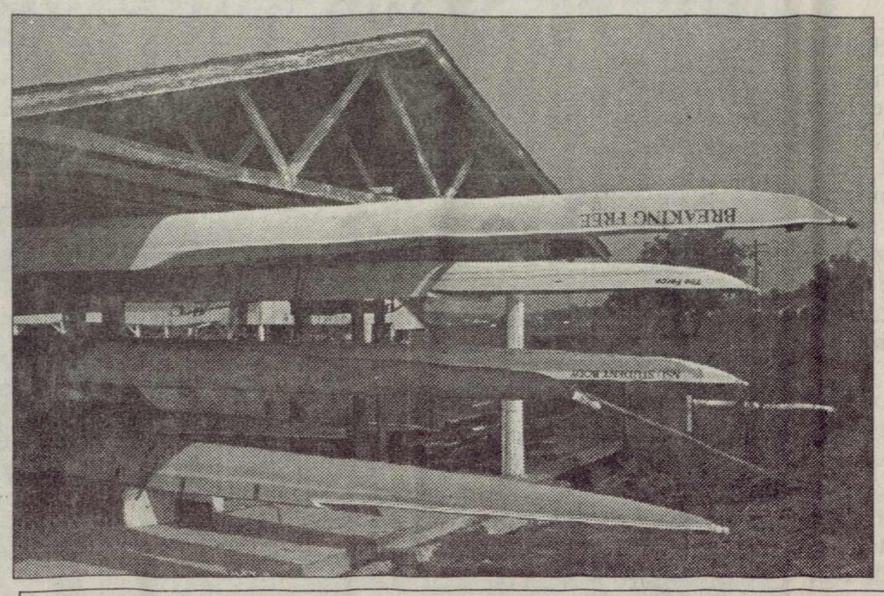
The NSU crew team will soon have a new building to store their equipment.

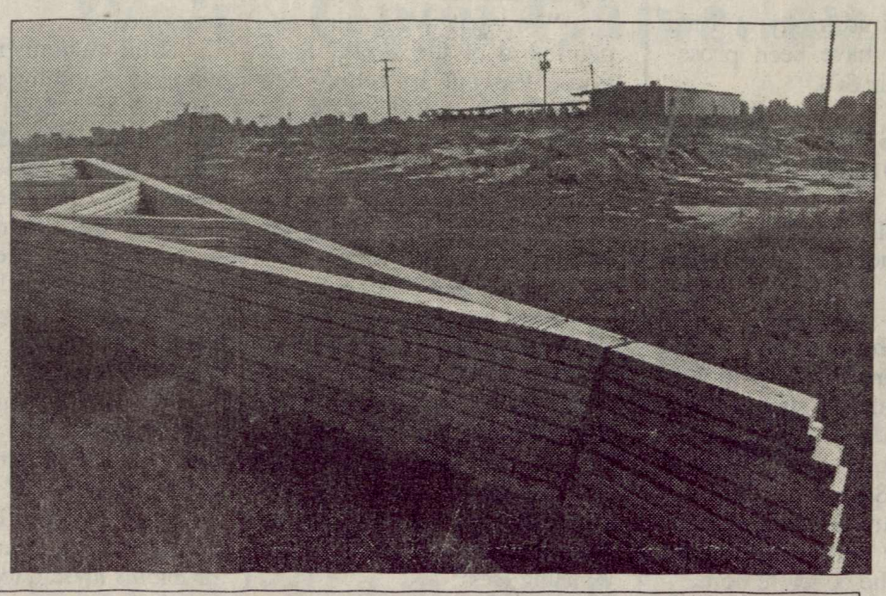
"Our current facilities are not adequate enough to provide protection for our equipment," said Jessica Cramer, sophomore. "I'm excited about the new boat house. It's going to make it a lot easier for maintenance for us."

The new building is to be a metal storage house 40 by 64 feet, 2,560 square feet, large enough to store his inventory, said Loran Lindsay, head of the Physical Plant.

"The site has been staked out," said Lindsey. "We've already done the dirt work. The contract has already been let to the general contractor."

The new building should be up in four to six weeks, "...once they get the material in and the general contractor gets to the site. It'll go up fast."





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The shed currently used to protect the shells, (left) some costing as much as $18,000, leaves the ends exposed to the effects of the sun. Meanwhile, trusses for the new Crew boat shed (right) await foundation work. Construction has been delayed due to paperwork.

The new building costs about $17,000.

Approximately $700 was spent on dirt, $9,817 goes to the builders, and $6,530 for the building materials.

"Normally we'd spend considerably more than that for a building that size,"

Lindsey said, "We were trying to help Calvin (former coach) keep his costs down."

The crew team coach approached last year Niko Tesvich, former chairman for the club sports committee, for money to build the storage building.

"The idea for the sheds is to protect the boats and future investments," Tesvich said. "These are expensive boats."

"It's something we've needed to do for the rowing team for some time," Lindsey said.

"It's a positive way to show support for the NSU crew team," Tesvich said.

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Jiang gives Clinton an unusual gift

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — As China and the United States sought to mend recently damaged ties, President Jiang Zemin gave Pesident Clinton an unusual gift: a book defending China's ban on a popular meditation sect.

During their hourlong summit Saturday, Jiang handed Clinton a book purporting to expose the crimes committed by Li Hongzhi, founder of Falun Gong, the popular group that China's communist government outlawed in July.

Titled "Li Hongzhi and His 'Falun Gong:' Deceiving the Public and Ruining Lives," the book's 150 pages in English is a relentless barage of propaganda from China's entirely state-run media.

The book contains gruesome photographs of Chinese allegedly made so crazy by practicing Falun Gong that they committed suicide, were killed or mutilated their family members. It claims 1,404 people have died, mostly for refusing medical treatment as instructed by Falun Gong teachings. Documentation and attribution are sketchy.

U.S.-North Korean missle talks end

BERLIN (AP) — U.S. and North Korean negotiators ended six days of meetins in Berlin on the communist nation's missle program Sunday with no agreement, but a pledge to keep talking.

A U.S. statement said the discussions were "productive" and that both sides would seek to promote "a positive atmosphere' until they meet again.

The United States hopes to persuade North Korea to freeze its missle programs, seen as a threat to East Asia's military balance, in exchange for food aid and an easing of economic sactions. The statement said both sidea discussed "the sanctions and the missle issues," but it gave no details.

Western military analysts believe North Korea plans to test an advanced model of a long-range missle it fired over Japan a year ago. The new missle could reach Alaska or Hawaii.

Many urge prosecution of granny spy

LONDON - An 87-year-old great-grandmother admitted spying against Great Britain for the KGB recently.

Meilta Norwood said that she has no regrets and would do it all over.

A new book identifies Russian based upon recently declassified KGB archives.

Britisih Prime Minister Tony Blair has yet to respond as to why Norwood has not been prosecuted.

Men found guilty of Nazi war crimes have been prosecuted in their 80s.

Two 600 pound cats stolen

ALEXANDRIA - Two 600-pound concrete lions were stolen from in front of House Beautiful Designs, an Alexandria business.

Police are baffled as to how the large concrete statues could be moved.

The lions were noticed missing on Saturday.

A reward is being offered for anyone with information concering the concrete lions.

Cajun Concrete Co. of Moreauville made the lions, which are sitting with a full mane and are growling.

Senior ring company arrives Wednesday

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Most senior students should have received a postcard from the University Bookstore concerning a Senior Class Ring promotion scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

Class ring distributors Art Carved Inc., will hold its semesterly promotional preview of rings and senior jewelry next week, in the University Bookstore.

University Bookstore Director Darlene Marshall said that although the class rings are on display at all times of the year, with the exception of "book rush," students are encouraged to attend the promotion, because Art Carved will offer special prices for students. She said that sometimes this special promotion may be something along the lines of free shipping.

Marshall said that she hopes students who can not purchase a ring at this time will still utilize the promotion.

"Sometimes we carry the promotion over in the store for a few days if [students] can't get in... and we honor the promotion," said Marshall.

She explained that the orders usually arrive in a time frame of about six to eight weeks, and if as student experiences any problems in the ordering process, the Bookstore is willing to help as much as possible.

photo by Heath Crawford
Seniors can pick out a class ring starting Wednesday in the bookstore.

"We are her to provide good customer service," said Marshall, while detailing that if a student is not satisfied with their order the Bookstore will get them in contact with Art Carved.

"We have the expectation of writing a lot of ring orders...the trend has started going back to students wanting to have class rings," said Marshall.

Senior Political Science major, Mark Ferguson said he will purchase a ring because "it symbolizes the pride that you have in your school."

"It shows that I've bee there; I've done it; and I' proud to have done it here this university," said Ferguson.

Senior Comput Information Systems majo Louis Nelson agreed that a cla ring "is a symbol of all the ha work that everybody has go through, and a good remind of making it out of college."

Marshall said that t University Bookstore is "loo ing at adding Greek drop-lette back into the store," as well continuing the display of rin the entire year.

Alumni couple pledge $100,000 to fund new scholarship

JOSH BEAVERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Weeks after the University received a $40,000 matching funds check from the family of Arthur Watson Chopin comes an even larger matching funds pledge from two Northwestern alumni that have decided to give a little back to the school that they say shaped their lives.

Ellis and Juanita Coutee of Baton Rouge have decided to give the University $100,000 over a five-year period which will be used to create an endowed scholarship. The Coutees will give $5,000 yearly, and the Exxon Corporation will provide a $15,000 match.

"I think it is the right thing to do, helping other students who may be in a similar posture as myself," Mr. Coutee said.

Students majoring in math or accounting are eligible and Coutee said that they hope to help a few students that are in the same financial situation he was in during his years at the University.

"I came from a poor background," Coutee said. "I was broke when I arrived on campus and I was broke when I graduated."

While the Coutees were not the richest in the world he claims that their lives were "enriched by the people and the environment of Northwestern."

"It was like a large family," Coutee said. "They instilled in us a lot of values and principles. You don't get that just anywhere."

Also, according to Mrs. Coutee, the education and experience they received helped them to become successful business people. Mrs. Coutee became the first female professional employee at the Exxon Corporation and Mr. Coutee became a senior tax agent with the Internal Revenue Service.

"The Coutees are a wonderful example of the American dream," Director of Institutional Advancement Tony Gustwick said. "To go from so little to being able to give so much back to their alma matter."

It was at the University that the two first met for the first time. They dated for a while and married in 1959. After graduation in 1960, Mrs. Coutee took a job with the Exxon Corporation and Mr. Coutee worked with the IRS.

The Coutees are now tax consultants and live in Baton Rouge.

If you are interested in The Freshmen Council come to a meeting in the SGA Office, Student Union Room 221 at 6p.m. Wednesday.

Cause for fee increase examined

HEATHER PATTON
SAUCE REPORTER

Housing fees get higher and higher each semester.

Just to stay in a double room on campus is over $700 for this semester. But just what are the students living on campus getting out of this increase semester after semester?

Mary Edith Stacy, Director of Auxillary Services, said renovations were done in the summer of 1998 to Sabine and Rapides dorms.

"We went into Sabine and painted al of the walls," Stacy said. "We put in brand new doors and refurbished the lobby. These were things that were original and had not been touched since 1965. In the Rapides lobby the wallpaper was stripped. The furniture is in the process of being redone."

Stacy says that one reason costs are so high is that they are making sure they have the funds for necessities like when a sink breaks, for example.

"These are day-to-day costs. In other words, the students are paying the bill for maintenance when they pay housing fees."

Carl Jones, Vice President of Business Affairs, said that as of June 30, 1999, there is over $784,000 for current and future major repairs, renovations and acquisitions. This figure is the surplus left over in the revenue fund when students pay their student association fee.

Scott Hawthorne, Environmental Health and Safety Officer, said abatement of buildings will be managed until that building must be renovated. Iberville Dining Hall and the News 22 studio were just abated.

"It's easier to do when school's out," Hawthorne said. Hawthorne also said that the new Intramurals building is a good example. Any asbestos will be taken care of when it is renovated.

Some students feel that the increase is nothing positive.

"When I first came here, the rooms were $489," said Cheryl Collier, senior. "I feel as though if they're going to increase fees, then it should accommodate the students more. Things should be working right and things that you need should not be missing from the room."

"I wish some of the improvements that were promised, like computers in the dorms, were here," said Tristan McInnis, senior. "I sometimes end up calling in maintenance problems myself, too. I do realize that there are unexpected damages or repairs that have to be made. But, because off-campus housing is so hard to find, it's convenient living in the dorms. There's usually always a room to stay in."

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what we do."

Jeff Girard, assistant professor of anthropology and northwest regional archaeologist, will be giving several demonstrations and lectures in various places. The Belcher Indian mound, and how the Red River affected prehistorical settlements are some of the topics he will be discussing. He will also give a presentation on prehistoric tools and lifeways of the Caddo Indians for children in Shreveport.

"The only way we know about prehistory is through archaeology," said Girard. "At archaeological sites you a learning about culture from th actual material that peop have left behind. The publ needs to be aware of the impo tance of sites".

Girard encouraged peop that find an artifact that cou be of importance to bring th artifact to a lecture or demo stration for appraisal.

All of these events are fr and open to the public. F more information about even during Archaeology Week co tact The Division Archaeology website www.crt.state.la.us. or an NS anthropology professor.

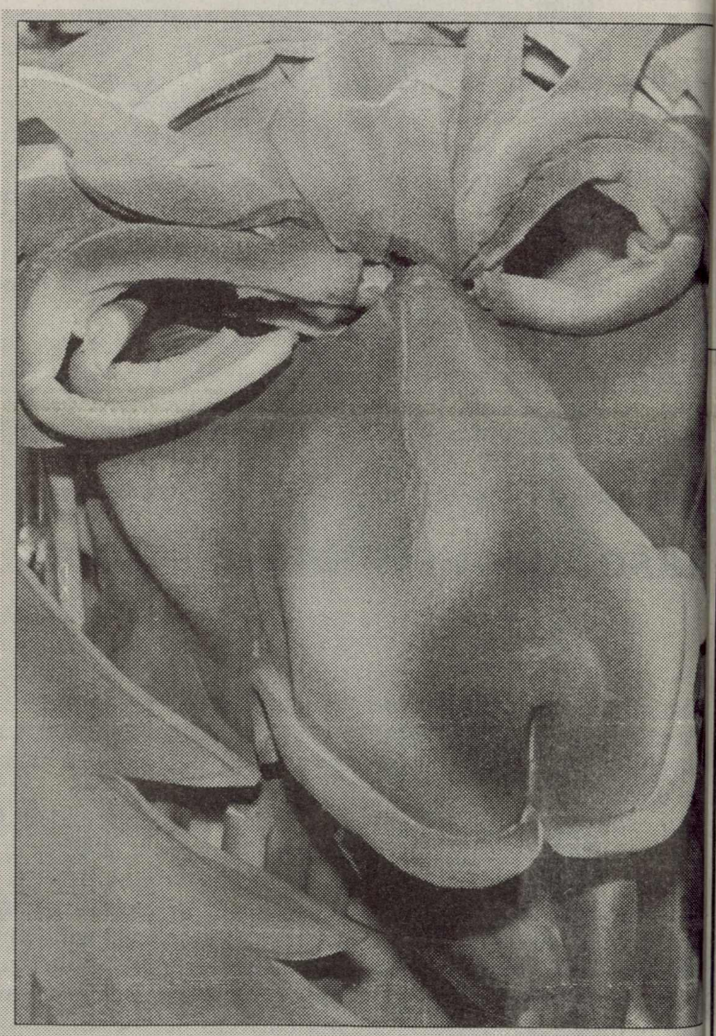

photo by Courtney Pay
What is it? Go to the Hanchey Art gallery and find out.

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office, he said the service provided exactly what he was looking. He also said that each person had already had reference checks done by the Job Service Office.

"I thought this was a most impressive service," Brown said. "I had very good results out of it."

Waskom, a graduate of the University, recalled his time as an accounting student, when he would comb the city offering to work for free just to gain experience. He said he has hired 52 Northwestern students since 1982. Now he wants the community to understand the value of the students at the University.

"I think it's important that everyone understand that these are high quality folks that come from this university," Waskom said. "As well as, people that once they have been with you for a few years at a part-time level often workout to be quite high quality folks in full-time positions."

Waskom also has hopes of this project evolving into one that offers students college credit for their work.

University students, Kaleta Johnson and Anabel Anderson were also on hand to explain the benefits of the job location service. Anderson said she realizes that few businesses are willing to hire college students, but she expressed the potentials of younger employees.

"These students are your future employers and business leaders," Anderson said.

Another "Impact Luncheon" is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. this Wednesday the Isle of Capri Hotel Ballro in Shreveport. The Job Local Office is looking into the po bility of scheduling more lun eons in the surrounding a For more information on University's job Local Service, call Mrs. Posey at (3 357-5621 or fax her at (3 357-5690.

Business booming for new eatery

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The new Pizza Inn, owned by Kent and Liz Gresham, is open for business.

In addition to The Landing, the Gresham's have expanded their duties as business owners and opened the Pizza Inn on College Avenue. Opening day was August 30, and business has been steady.

"Pizza Inn offers the Natchitoches community affordable, quality dining," said Gresham. "We not only get the business from the college, but we get travelers passing on the interstate."

Pizza Inn offers a 12 pie buffet, a 22 topping salad bar and a dessert bar. A few of the specialty items include the bacon cheeseburger, chicken fajita, and taco pizzas. There is also a dessert bar that offers an assorted variety of dessert pizzas. Some of the flavors include bavarian cream, apple, cherry, and peach. A favorite among most is the cinnamon stromboli.

photo by Heath Crawford
The newly opened pizza inn near Albertson's has already found success.

"We are providing an eating establishment on this side of town that will provide a style of food like no other in Natchitoches," said M Garris, manager of Pizza H

The restaurant seats people and the friendly wait are quick to get a table. Pizza employees 60 ple, 70 percen them are NSU dents.

"This estab ment has create opportunities students and community " Garris.

Pizza Inn a 10 percent count for stud who show a NSU i.d., and law enforce officers in uniform. Pizz hours are Sunday thr Thursday from 11a.m. t p.m. and Saturday and Su from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Concert etiquette gone from University?

Angela McCorkle
Contributing Writer

It seems as though concert etiquette on NSU campus is very lax.

"At the last concert I attended the crowd was very disrespectful to the performer," senior Kelly Watkins said. "He was a guest artist who traveled to the U.S. from another country. There were students talking, passing notes, and not paying attention to what was going on on stage. I think that this type of behavior is completely uncalled for, especially at the college level."

When an ensemble is performing some people do not know when to applaud. One should wait until the end of the piece to clap. A person can usually tell when to clap by looking in a program to see if there are movements to a piece or even just watch the conductor to acknowledge the audience.

"It is embarrassing for people who know when not to applaud for others to clap," junior Deanna Myers said. "It is also embarrassing and distracting to the performers when someone in the audience applauds at an inappropriate time."

When a person enters or leaves in the middle of a piece it can be very distracting to those around them and the performer.

"It really upsets me to see others go in and out of a performance when they are still performing," Myers said. "It is very rude and distracting to all people who are involved. I feel it is rude to those who are performing the piece, the person or persons who wrote the piece and to the people in the audience who are trying to enjoy the performance."

One of the biggest problems at concerts is cell phones and beepers going off during the performace.

"I know Mozart did not have to worry about cell phones, beepers, candy wrappers, or runamuck rugrats," junior Jennifer Jackson said. "I don't think that audience members were allowed to bring pens and paper to the premiere of Messiah and pass notes up and down the row during the performance.

Also with technology booming, cell phones and beepers are popular items, but they are not appropriate for concerts. These electronic devices could go off in the middle of a concert and can distract everyone involved. "I remember last semester I was at an orchestra concert and at the end of a piece someone's pager or cell phone went off and ruined the entire effect of the piece," senior Jamie Camp said.

Concert etiquette is not a hard thing to acquire. All one has to do is just sit, listen and enjoy the performance.

Campus Connections

BSU: Lunch Encounter at the BSU will be on Thursday from 11:30 - 12:30. Come have a home cooked meal for only a dollar.

Counseling and Career Services: All students who are interested in locating off-campus, part-time employment may come by Student Union 305 and schedule an appointment with the Counseling and Career Services Office. Our office will assist you with the development of your resume, interviewing skills, and eventual placement into the business community. For more information, call 357-5621.

Society for Advancement of Management (SAM):
meeting for anyone interested in joining Wednesday September 15th at 2:30 pm Room 218, Russell Hall If you can't make the meeting, but are interested in SAM please email me at wbush21@hotmail.com

The **Society of Professional Journalists** Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the organization is encouraged to attend or contact the chapter adviser, Neil Ralston, at 357-4439. The Society is a 90-year-old organization that features more than 13,500 student and professional members throughout the world. The Society is dedicated to a free press, free speech and the ethical practice of journalism.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc invites all interested ladies to attend their Fall Informational this Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union (Cane River Room). For more information call 354-5411.

Biological Honor Society New members meeting, September 23rd at 5 p.m. in room 108 of Bienvenue Hall.

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MY SIDE

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

When you see the state of the parking lots, you might curse the SGA.

When you see the quality of the food in Iberville, you might curse the SGA.

You might be under the impression that your SGA does nothing more than pass bills that make you pay $75 each semester for something most of us will never see.

Let me assure you, nothing is further from the truth.

This weekend, I had the opportunity to accompany five members of the SGA to the annual Council of Student Body Presidents meeting in Hammond. Since then, I have done a complete 180 on my views towards the SGA.

Fifteen Louisiana univeristy SGA presidents and several of their respective senators discussed issues, such as how best to spend the millions of dollars gathered from the technology fee.

That's right, folks. College students, average age 24, are handling millions of dollars - and they're making good decisions on how to spend it.

Recently, the SGA designated several million dollars from the technology fee to create a new computer lab on campus and to open existing labs at more convenient hours. They also have ideas to start an educational program for campus organizations on alcoholism.

Last semester, the SGA created a new committee named the Student Life Committee that promises to make college life a better place. For the first time in NSU history, faculty, staff and students will have an equal voice on the changes made to everything pertaining to college life, from dorm rooms to parking.

The reason I bring any of this to light is because of the vast number of complaints I hear around campus on any given day of the week. Being a journalism major, I hear them all. And I've even thrown in a few myself.

However, one could say that I voice my complaints here. Another group of students gather one day a week to voice their complaints and do something about them.

"Everyone likes to complain," the new senate chair said this weekend. "There seems to be only a few of us, however, who actually act on our complaints."

When I mentioned this to a fresh-faced, bright-eyed freshman, her response was, "But, I'm not popular like those people. I'll never get elected."

I laughed as I thought of these supposed "popular" people. Although many Greeks are on the SGA, the SGA president, for example, isn't the star football player or a Greek president, as that misinformed innocent might expect. He's my boss, the editor, who was a band guy then a scholar's guy, and is now a six-year senior.

This is college, folks. When those of us not deemed "popular" are elected to a position of authority, we are no longer expections to the rule. And if that majority has a complaint, it should be heard and acted upon. Therefore, I urge each of you to act upon your beliefs and complaints and consider applying for a position on our student government.

Getting the job done

Five SGA members redefine "SGA"

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

Improvement comes from competitiveness.

After attending the Council for Student Body President meeting, Student Government Association President Shawn Hornsby believes the University has remained competitive with Louisiana universities because of their willingness to change.

Hornsby and four other SGA members attended the COSPB meeting, where state-wide SGA members of fifteen Louisiana universities discussed improvements their SGA has made in the past months. The SGA members also discussed several problems that are shared by most universities, such as tolerance of other students and faculty/student relations

Newly elected SGA Senate Chair, Earl Gates, said the University is very competitive with other colleges across the state, but still has room for improvement.

"I see us as having more resources, such as people who have leadership skills and the incentive to lead," Gates said. "But, I think, after hearing things from other universities, we still have room for improvements."

Hornsby agreed, saying that the senators gained insight into the SGA system.

"The senators came away with the knowledge that there is more to student government than just at their schools," Hornsby commented. "It's a whole state level."

Hornsby continued that the senators also now understand that positions on the state level are available to them.

Harold Boutte, former NSU employee, who is employed now by the Board of Regents, believes that the key to improvement at colleges is networking.

"It's all about sharing the ideas and sharing the wealth around the table," Boutte said. "This group is about getting things done."

The University's SGA members said the convention assisted them in defining the goals of SGA.

"I think it helped us further define our purpose in SGA, not only to represent the students and faculty, but also to people on a larger scale, such as state-wide," Gates said.

One of the highlights of the convention was a lecture given by two law professors concerning prominent issues with higher education and how SGA members can affect the issues.

Peter Blake, professor at Stetson Lake University Law School, discussed alcoholism on college campuses. Blake, a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Harvard, believes most universities take a wrong stand when educating students about alcoholism.

"Previously, U.S. institutions were considered 'en loci parentis' [in place of parents] to students," Blake claims. "We should take a supportive, educational stand, not a parenting stand."

Bob Bickel, a professor at Florida State, confirmed his associates beliefs, asserting that universities must teach tolerance to student to improvethe relationship between students anf faculty.

Bickel also insisted that universities should increase their expectations of the students.

"Schools are bragging about having a 50 percent retention rate," Bickel said. "They shouldn't brag until it's in the 80s."

After listening to the lecture, the University's SGA members began forming a mission statement, at the advice of Bickel.

"You've got to have a saying," Bickel continued. "You've got to have something to rely on."

Gates and Joni Naquin, Senator-at-Large, said they were impressed by the lecture. Naquin, a second year senator, said the lecturers gave her several ideas on ways to improve the University and inspiration to make those improvements. The members also said the lecture gave them insight into their personal purpose and helped them redefine the purpose of SGA.

"The guys really helped to give the student government a purpose," Gates said. "They showed us how to appreciate what we did have, how we got there and to use it to the fullest extent that we can."

When explaining their viewpoints on higher education, the professors used analogies of their personal experiences of college. Bickel, who graduated from Florida State in the 1960s said teaching tolerance would have prevented many of the problems of the time, such as the riots associated with the Civil Rights Movement.

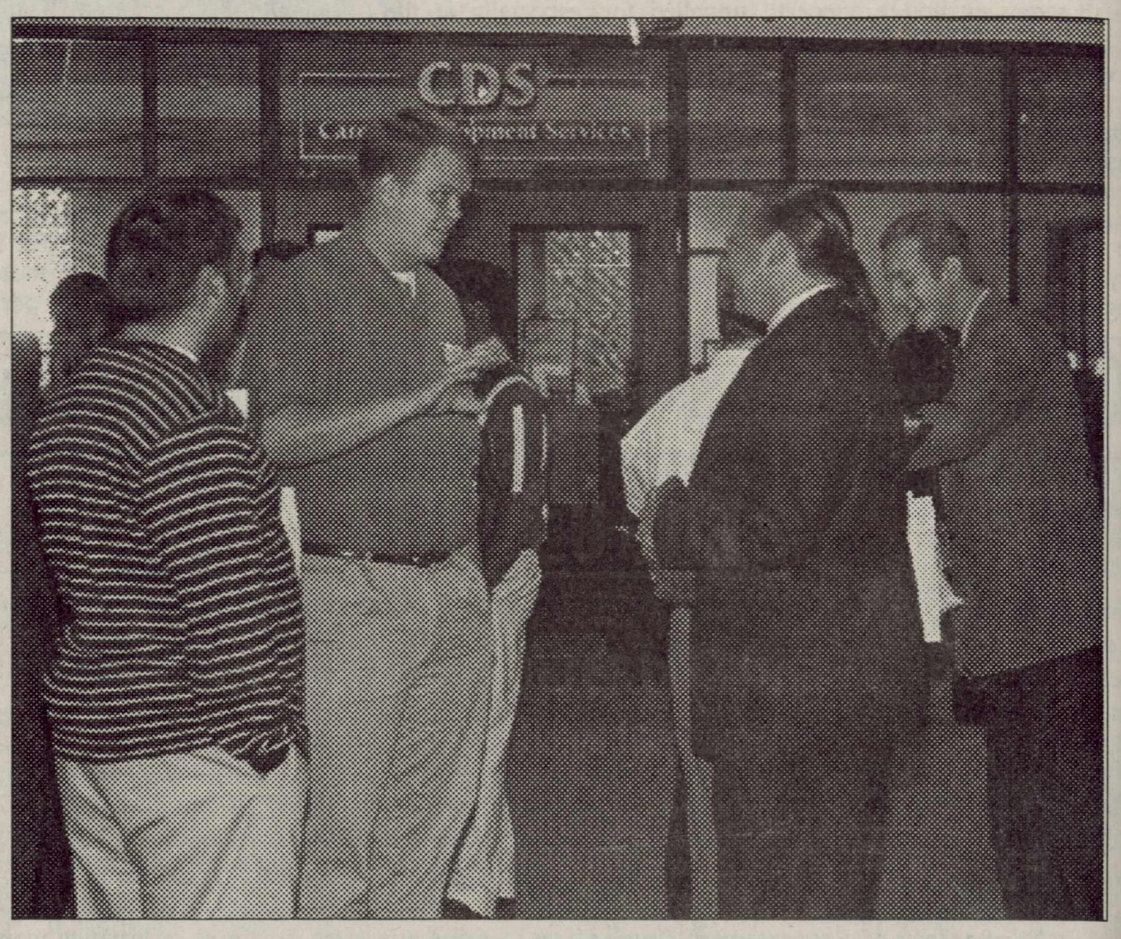
Naquin said the references Bickel made her better understand her duty as a SGA senator.

"Through their talks about the history of colleges, I now better understand my job as a leader," Naquin said.

The five SGA members, who attended the meeting, have ideas for improvements on campus.

Naquin, the chairperson of Student Affairs, plans to propose a SGA mission statement, after receiving content ideas from the student body.

Gates plans to propose several bills, based on ideas from other universities.



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Steston Lake Univeristy Law School professor Peter Blake dicusses his ideas on higher education issues, such as faculty/student relations, with SGA President Shawn Hornsby at the annual Council for Student Body Presidents meeting at Hammond, La. Blake, a lecturer at the convention, stressed the importance of tolerance at college campuses among students and faculty.

BEING ALL THEY CAN BE

TRENT F. STEVENS
GUEST SAUCE REPORTER

This past summer the Univeristy Military Science program sent 21 cadets to Fort Lewis, Washington, where they completed the requirements for their junior year of the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

The cadets trained for Advance Camp their freshman, sophomore, and junior year of R.O.T.C. in Military Science classes and field training exercises. After they received satisfactory assessments in R.O.T.C. and their academic curriculum, they were flown to Fort Lewis, Washington to take the final exam.

Advance Camp is a five-week long military training course that tests the cadets' physical endurance and leadership application.

In the first week of camp the cadets are immediately given a physical and tested for height and weight requirements. They then take the Army Physical Fitness Test to ensure the cadets arrived at camp in shape.

In the second week cadets are sent through the Field Leadership Reaction Course, testing their imagination and leadership abilities. They also go through Water Safety Training, where they learned how to convert their battle-Dress-Uniforms into life jackets. In the same week they are required to qualify with the standard issue rifle, the M-16.

Weeks two and three, the cadets negotiate several assault courses. They also go through a land navigation course and several obstacle and "confidence" courses.

The fourth and fifth weeks are tests where the cadets spend time in the field and take turns leading each other through realistic field maneuvers at squad and platoon levels.

After graduation the cadets have the option to go back to their home or a real-life Army unit and work from two to four weeks as a lieutenant in a program called CTLT (Cadet Troop Leadership Training).

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Old favorites and 38 new shows premier this fall

Raechal Leone
A & E Editor

Yep, it's definitely fall again. Leaves are changing colors, the high temperature in Natchitoches has been under 150 degrees twice this week and the tenth season premiere of "Beverly Hills, 90210" aired last Wednesday. (Yes, they still make that show!) Of course, that means that a slew of new television series, 38 to be exact, will soon be hurled at viewers of six networks. That's right, in addition to new shows from CBS, NBC, ABC and FOX, UPN and the WB are each introducing their own prime time lineup this fall.

The UPN schedule is full of racially diverse programs that are aimed at teenagers and young adults. Of course, a young audience seems to be the goal of all the networks this season. UPN has high hopes for "Shasta McNasty," a sitcom about three hip-hop artists living together, and "WWF Smackdown!," which is sure to be a bright spot for the low-rated network. The modestly rated "Moesha" and "Malcolm and Eddie" are returning, both will air on Monday nights.

The WB will air, among other things, "Roswell," a drama about three teenage aliens posing as humans in New Mexico, and "Popular," an hour-long comedy dealing with- what else- teenagers and popularity. Returning shows for the WB include "Dawson's Creek", "Charmed", "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and other shows about teenagers who look like they are 25 and talk like they are 52.

Over on Fox, "Manchester Prep" and "Get Real" will focus on teenagers and their struggles with their own identity, parents and popularity. (Is anyone beginning to see a trend here?) However, "Manchester" may be a little more wicked then the rest in the batch of new teen shows. It is being sold as the small-screen version of "Cruel Intentions," and even has the same director, but it may not have a chance if it stays in it's current time-slot, which pits the freshman show directly against "Friends."

Speaking of "Friends," NBC will add "Stark Raving Mad" to it's must-see-t.v. Thursday night comedy schedule. The former "Doogie Howser, M.D." Neil Patrick Harris will star as best-selling horror writer Ian Starks' offbeat editor. Although "Suddenly Susan" and "Jesse" aren't new shows, they will look considerably different to viewers than they did in the spring. Brooke Shields' title character seems to be the only thing that hasn't changed on "Susan"; Judd Nelson's editor character and the magazine "Susan" worked for is out, Eric Idle and former "Melrose Place" star Rob Estes are in as the editor and photographer, respectively, of the new men's publication where "Susan" will be spending her work days. On "Jesse," the changes are less dramatic, with the title character now working as an aide at a health center, making room for a character who may rival "Diego" for "Jesse's" affections.

CBS is betting that "Now and Again" will be a hit in it's Friday night time-slot. Boasting transplanted minds, federal agents and terrorists in it's premise, "Now and Again" should be able to draw the viewers who aren't watching ABC's TGIF block. CBS will introduce several new dramas; "Family Law" starring Kathleen Quinlan, the Tyne Daly court-themed drama "Judging Amy" and "Love and Money".

As if viewers will not be confused enough with the number of shows debuting this season, ABC and CBS have shows with two very similar names, "Now and Again" and ABC's "Once and Again." What's the difference? Well, CBS's "Again" isn't a product of the writers and producers of "My So-Called Life" or "Thirtysomething," for starters. But more importantly, "Once and Again" stars the handsome Billy Campbell ("The Rocketeer") and the lucky Sela Ward as middle-aged singles who fall for each other. And getting in on NBC's trend of revamping old shows, ABC is adding Heather Locklear to the cast of "Spin City." Locklear will portray Mayor Winston's campaign manager and may have a romance with Michael J. Fox's character. However, the Disney-owned network has not forgotten the kiddies with a revamped TGIF, which includes "The Hughleys," and a schedule with an array of new sitcoms on most nights of the week.

In addition to all the brand new shows, several familiar characters will be featured on high-profile spin-off series. Former "Party of Five" cast member Jennifer Love Hewitt will continue to portray "Sarah Reeves" on Fox's "Time of Your Life." In the spin-off, "Sarah" will go to New York to search for her birth father and wait tables at a karaoke bar. (Does this sound the least bit familiar "Felicity" fans?) Also, David Boreanaz and Charisma Carpenter will abandon the "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" gang for the city of angels in "Angel," which will air immediately after "Buffy" on the WB.

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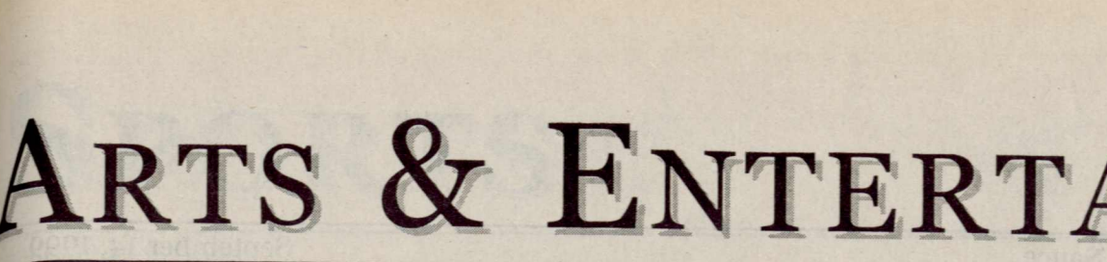
Heather Locklear joins Michael J. Fox and the cast of ABC's *Spin City* this fall. Locklear will play the mayor's campaign manager as he makes a run for the U.S. Senate.



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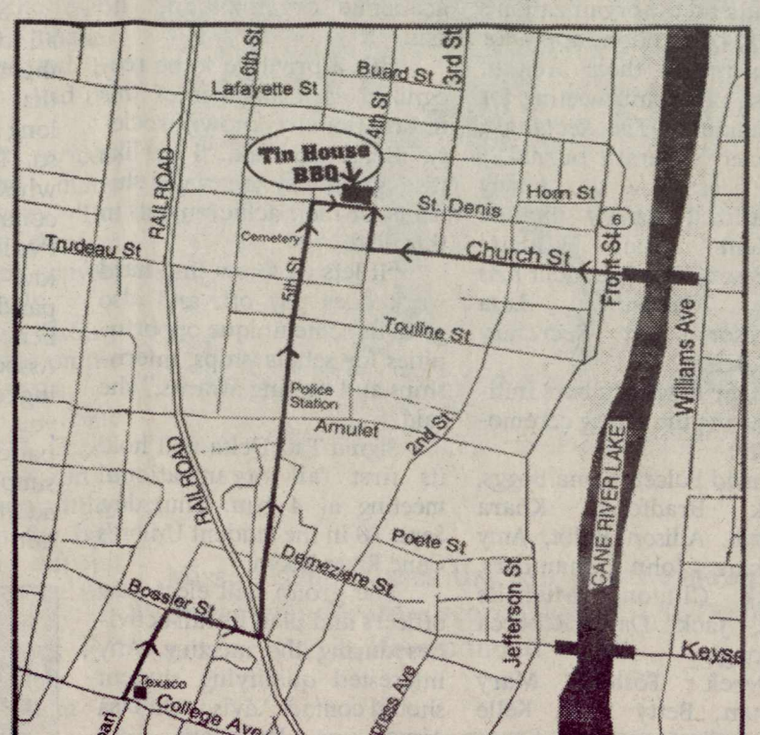

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***Inquiring* minds want to know.**

From the editor

The Current Sauce is funded by students, published by students and marketed for students.

So why would anyone with a complaint be so stupid as to call the administration?

If you know the answer to this question, I implore you to tell me.

It seems that the many critics of the paper, including a bank vice president, a retired math professor and a science professor know more about the content of a newspaper than an editor. An editor who has been selected by his peers to produce a newspaper appealing to students.

Why is it that people with positions over others allow their arrogance to overshadow their intelligence? It seems that the higher some people rise on the ladder of success, the dumber they become.

For those of you who have not figured out who to talk to when you do not like The Current Sauce, I will spell it out. S-H-A-W-N H-O-R-N-S-B-Y

I am very easy to reach. I have two offices on campus. Also, I have numerous members of both the Student Government Association and The Current Sauce who will relay any message you have for me.

In short, do not call Dr. Webb's office because he is not the editor and by no way is he responsible for what is printed in The Current Sauce. If it makes you feel any better, he reads the paper the same time you do!

With that said I would like to abruptly switch gears...

It has been brought to my attention that someone or some people who are unhappy with last week's front page have attempted to sway advertisers from future advertisements. Last week's issue with the controversial cutline highlighted has been distributed to our advertisers with the following message:

"I just wanted you to see the kind of junk "The Current Sauce" prints using your money you give them to place your ad in this paper-"

I must applaud this person because he/she attempts to hit us where it hurts. Overall this is one of the most intelligent methods of influence or censorship I have seen. The sad part is that this person really does not have a life.

I appeal to whoever is behind this to call me so that I can bring you to church with me and introduce you to people of which you can do something constructive. Obviously your life has hit a low point if you are so concerned with the contents of a student newspaper that you would attempt to cause the advertisers to boycott.

I seriously doubt we will lose many advertisers because they realize the effectiveness of The Current Sauce in reaching its audience. Besides local advertisers, the paper also has national advertisers who could care less about the content of the paper as long as it is legal and their ad is correctly displayed.

With that said, I must tell you, Current Sauce gremlin, that you will have little to no effect on the paper.

Over the weekend, I thought of some very harsh and scathing lines addressing my critics but thanks to the support of many of the faculty members and administration, I realize there is no need to play this silly game of tit for tat.

I do encourage anyone who has a problem with the paper to give me a call. Contrary to popular belief, I am very open-minded and I have a sincere dedication to fairness.

Shawn T. Hornsby
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Editor's Note... Campus Connections was drastically cut due to a lack of ad space. Please do not think we did this out of spite towards your organization. We simply have to prioritize what goes in the paper. Quite honestly money talks and bull...

Letter to the Editor

After a hiatus of several years, the Nu Iota chapter of Sigma Tau Delta was revived during the spring semester under the direction of Dr. Lisa Abney.

Abney is assistant professor of English and director of the Louisiana Folklife Center.

Thirty-six new members were initiated into the organization, which is the International English Honor Society.

Under the motto of "Sincerity, Truth, Design," the group recognizes "accomplishments in linguistic or literary realms of the English language," according to the chapter handbook.

"I am really proud of these students' accomplishments," Abney said. "Sigma Tau Delta provides many important opportunities for members, and I expect that the newly initiated students will apply for fellowships and grants and will submit items for publication."

Active membership is open to currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate English majors or minors who meet the academic criteria, while associate membership is for other students not majoring or minoring in English but meeting the academic criteria.

Candidates must have two college courses in English beyond the freshman level, maintain a B average and have completed at least three semesters.

Sigma Tau Delta seeks to promote literary and related activities and participates in such campus events as this spring's Kate Chopin conference or the recent Student Organization Expo.

Students have an opportunity to compete for scholarships, attend the organization's national convention, apply for internships in their area of interest, or submit writing for publication in *The Rectangle*, the society's literary journal.

Officers for the newly reorganized society include President Gail Odette Henderson, Vice President Kris Hailey, Treasurer Lesa Thompson and Secretary Sandy Baber.

Other new members initiated during the spring ceremony were:

David Balcer, Elona Boggs, Chuck Bradford, Khara Brodrick, Allison Bulot, Amy Callahan, John Chambers, Patrick Clinton, Michelle Craig, Jack Day, Rebecca Farabough.

Derek Foster, Mary Freeman, Betty Hale, Kelle Head, Jodie Jeansonne, Renee Jiminez, Heather Key, Anitra Kinder, Kelly King, Kris LeJeune, Andrea Lemoine, Emily Leonard,

John Lyles, Jamila Maxie, Bujar Namani, Mariann Noonan, Camille Nunez, Begona Perez-Mira, John Phillips, Michelle Pichon and Thomas Reynolds Jr.

Dr. Ray Wallace, head of the Department of Language and Communication, called Nu Iota "the most impressive chapter in the state."

"I look forward to even more growth in this important academic organization," he said.

"It's a privilege to be recognized as a member of this internationally-known society," Henderson said. "I feel like it's a great way to reward students for their achievements in this field.

"It lets us know that hard work does pay off, and also gives us some unique opportunities for scholarships, internships and writing awards," she said.

Sigma Tau Delta will hold its first fall organizational meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 in the Student Union's Cane River Room.

The group will elect new officers and plan its fall activities during the meeting. Any interested qualifying student should contact Advisor Dr. Lisa Abney or President Gail Henderson in Room 213 Kyser Hall or at 357-4332.

Common Sense

Since arriving here in the fall of '97 I've noticed a trend within the editorials section of The Current Sauce. Not a lot of letters submitted to this editorial page are new or original and rarely offer any solutions or insights to the everyday annoyances that are constantly cited.

I'm writing to change that. In fact I'm willing to suggest ways and offer insight to help you, the reader, tackle any problem such as parking, dining facilities, admissions policies (or lack thereof) and that annoying smell in Kyser Hall that is all to reminiscient of a public bathroom.

Such problems as well as all of the attention paid to them is a travesty, a travesty that I hope to exploit for as long as I'm given a forum to do so. This week we'll begin with what is probably the most common complaint, parking. I've heard thousands of my fellow students complain about parking and as a former member of the Student Government Association's traffic and parking committees I can assure you all that the answer to a parking problem may not be as simple as paving and striping additional parking lots in certain areas that would be very accessible to students.

This idea is far too difficult and would surely get caught up in an administrative beauracracy. What if there were a much more attractive and feasible plan? One that would get students excited about going to class and leaving their cars in one area regardless of how far it was from their classes.

What if we could gain a competitive advantage on the other 13 (?) or so public universities here in Louisiana that are competing with us for this new influx of students who can attend any Louisiana university of their choice as a result of the new TOPS scholarship program? What if this plan were to pave the way for NSU into the 21st century and insure our status as a four year university?

What if this plan was environmentally friendly, state of the art, and fun to use? What if we made Northwestern the Disney World of Louisiana's public state universities?.....What if we built a monorail transportation system?!? We would all be the envy of our friends who attend those universities where students are still driving and walking to class.

Imagine a quick and aerodynamic monorail system weaving and winding it's way through our campus, transporting students from the University Columns to Kyser hall to the new IM building and to Watson library and to the student union and to Rapides hall. (actually rapides might be a bad idea).

This would be a sure bet for success and would set Northwestern apart as the best university in the state, perhaps with time the best in the country. If we could just raise tens of millions of dollars through self-assessed student fees this wonderful dream could become a reality!!

On second thought, additional parking lots might be a little more realistic. Maybe if we did some administrative arm-twisting as a student body we could even get them to foot the bill from the ultra-mysterious and secretive "General Fund" (the fund that all of the parking fines go into) to finance this crazy concept of..... additional parking lots.

David Gunn
SGA Senator

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Cross Country preps for SMU

CADE BRUMLEY
SAUCE REPORTER

Coming off a fourth place finish in last year's Southland Conference, the NSU Demon cross-country team is ready to once again make their mark.

They will get their first shot as they travel to Dallas, Texas to compete in the SMU Invitational this weekend..

According to head cross-country coach Leon Johnson, with five seniors and two juniors, he thinks he has what it takes to come through and win the conference championship.

The teams senior members that are coming into this season with at least three years experience are: Robert McCormack, Todd Boddie, Mark Keough, Kyle Thomas, and Hector Andujo. Also, add to the mix a pair of junior runners in Robert Deramus and Blair Bagula and you have a team ready to compete.

Upon being asked about the expected performance at the SMU meet, Johnson is optimistic. According to Johnson, last year at the SMU meet, his team went in without base training and ran well for four miles, then died on the last mile. With more base training and a year more mature, the demons are more focused and know what to expect coming into this years SMU meet. This knowledge might give them what it takes to come out on top. "We're running against some top quality teams," adds Johnson.

Running against the top teams out of conference should prepare the demons for the championship.

Also, a major meet at Texas A&M is in the near future. Johnson considers the A&M meet one of the best and expects to run against some top teams.

DEMONS SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Sept. 14th
Soccer@ Southeastern, 4p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17th
Volleyball UTSA 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18th
Soccer MOREHEAD STATE, noon

Volleyball SW Texas, 3 p.m.

Football TARLETON STATE, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12
Soccer TENN.-MARTIN, 1 p.m.

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News Bureau

Holly Horn dribbles the ball downdfield in the Demons 4-2 victory over Troy State.

Demons start conference steady

Soccer takes two of three open conference with draw

KALEB BREAUX
SAUCE REPORTER

Northewestern State walked away this week with twowins, two losses and one draw.

On Friday the Lady Demons took on Troy State and walked away with a 4-2 victory.

Missy Payne, Holly Horn, Brittany Cargill, and Rachel Villio all scored 1 goal a piece. Cargill scored first for the Demons in the 42nd minute of the first quarter. The goal was assisted by the Missy Payne, who came away with 2 assists on the day. All of the Lady Demons goals came in the first half. The Lady Demons took 9 shots on the goal.

The Lady Demon defense allowed only two goals. One of the goals came from a defensive breakdown in the second half.

Kim Hickman and Maite Goicoechea scored Troy's only two goals.

Goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler recorded 2 saves but allowed one goal in the first half. She was replaced by Wendy Woodham in the second half. This was enough for the Northwestern victory.

On Sunday the Lady Demons, once again on the road, took on Southwest Texas State. After a somewhat disappointing game the Lady Demons were handed a 2-2 tie.

Tori Carlino scored first for the Demons in the 30th minute to give Northwestern the lead. Southwest Texas answered with two goals, both in the second half. Southwest Texas maintained the lead until the 80th minute when Kerri Kalhanek scored a goal assisted by Joanne McKee. This tied the game at 2-2.

In both overtime periods, the Demons had many opportunities to score. The Demons recorded 14 shots on goal, but could not convert any of these into goals.

Goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler had 10 saves on the day, but allowed 2 goals.

"We had some opportunities," said Coach Mitchell, "but they did a great job defensively putting a lot of people in the box, which made it very difficult for us to score after we tied the game."

The Lady Demons will play again Tuesday at Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond.

News Bureau

Missy Payne chases the ball down evading a Troy State defender from scoring a goal. The Demons play next at SLU in Hammond at 4 p.m.

BRIEFS

Demon QB luncheon moves to The Landing.

Northwestern State football fans can preview the Demons upcoming match-up with Tarleton State at the weekly Demon Quarterback Luncheon. The luncheons have returned to the The Landing Restaurant on Front Street last week.

The buffet-style meal is $10. At least three fans will eat for free by winning the "Demon Dinner Drawing," entered by all paying guests and one winner will claim a free Sunday brunch at the Landing.

Saints, Cowboys open with wins

The New Orleans Saints and Dallas Cowboys each got off on the right foot, except for Saints running back Ricky Williams injuring his ankle again for the 1999 NFL season.

The Cowboys went up 14-3, then fell behind 35-14. They stormed back to tie it in regulation before beating the Washington Redskins 41-35. A 76-yard pass from Troy Aikman to Raghib "Rocket" Ismail helped win the game. The Saints used a touchdown by special teams and a stingy defense to beat the Carolina Panthers 19-10.

Agassi sweeps American singles in U.S. Open

Andre Agassi completed an American singles sweep at the U.S. Open on Sunday, after defeating Todd Marrin in five sets.

The No. 2 seed, Agassi, fell down two sets to one by the seventh-seeded Martin before battling back to take his second career Open title 6-4, -6-7 (5-7), 6-7 (2-7), 6-3, 6-2.

The all-American men's final was only the fifth here in the Open era, which began in 1968, and the first since Pete Sampras beat Michael Chang in 1996.

Beaded haired Serena Williams beat top-ranked Martina Hingis 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) Saturday for the Open women's singles crown.

Bosox rocket forward in three-game Yank sweep

The Boston Red Sox continued to surge toward the New York Yankees as they completed a three-game sweep by beating former teammate Roger Clemens with a 4-1 win.

Boston now trails its rivals by 3 1/2 games atop the American League East with 19 left to play.

A sellout crowd watched a vintage Red Sox-Yankees struggle featuring a brushback battle between Clemens and Bret Saberhagen, two home-plate collisions and exchanges between Jose Offerman and the Yankees dugout.

FROM THE CHEAPS SEATS

By Rondray Hill

Okay, so your favorite college football team (in this case, the northwestern Demons) are 0-2.

What to do??!!!

Sure, the Demons have turned the ball over 13 times in the last two games(At that rate...hmm lets see...13 turnovers every 2 games X 9 games...puts the Demons on pace to turn the ball over 54 times this year!).

Sure, the Demons have only scored 2 touchdouns (both of which belong to Tony "Touchdown Taylor).

But there's always a bright side to every dark spot.

I grew up in a family which definetly saw the BAD side of things. So, I learned to see the good side of a bad situation.

So lets analize whats been working so far:

1) **THE SWARM IS STILL HERE:** I mean come on, when you hold Southern Mississippi to only 288 yards of total offense, you know you've got to be pretty good! I mean USM ran laps up and down the field on Tulane, and they went undefeated last year! Of course, one must ask themself, "How good was Tulane...*Really?*"

2)**QUIT BLAMIN' AUBREY:** Hey, this is to all you people ready to blame Aubrey Jones for the 0-2 start, LAY OFF HIM! This guy came in off the bench into the Southern "Snakepit" in front of 27,000 Jaguar fans (and one really loud band) and almost led the Demons to a win. Then the next week, starts against a super-talented Southern Miss team which pounded on Tulane the week before. What were you people honestly expecting!! Jones is the future of this team, so we'd better get used to it.

3) **THE SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE "NEEDS WORK":** Hey, we're not the only school in a slump. Out of all the schools picked to finished at or near the top of the SLC standings, all of them had a couple of rough weekends. McNeese (ha ha) got blasted on thier home field last week by the #17 ranked Northern Iowa (I can't tell you how bad the score was, but it was really, really bad!) Troy State played Cincinatti this weekend and lost rather convincingly, and SFA, well, I don't think I have to explain anything about SFA! They're 0-2 also.

Misery loves company.

4)**THE CHEERLEADERS HAVE LOTS OF ENERGY:** I had the opportunity to ride with the NSU Cheerleaders to the Southern game. All of the steryotypes about cheerleaders are TRUE! Well most of them. I mean, after the loss to Southern, we went to eat at a McDonald's outside of Baton Rouge. These kids were doing cheers in the parking lot of McDonalds!!! And they were doing the real thing, tossing the girls in ther air, doing those pyramids, all this on CONCRETE! In front of highly-flammable gas pumps! You wanna talk about dedication, talk to the cheerleaders!

5)**WE PLAY TARLETON STATE AT HOME NEXT WEEK:** What, I actually have to explain why that's a good thing?!

So, there you have it. 5 good reasons to be proud to be a Demon and sing the fight song (if you know the words)!

Now, if we go 0-3...then we can panic.

USM hands 2nd straight

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

USM	40
Demons	6

Demon Head coach Sam Goodwin said was "very embarrased" saturday night in Hattiesburg, MS.

The Nortwestern Demons held the USM Eagles to only 91 yards rushing, 197 yards passing, and outgained USM in total yards, 366 to their 288.

So why was he embarrased?

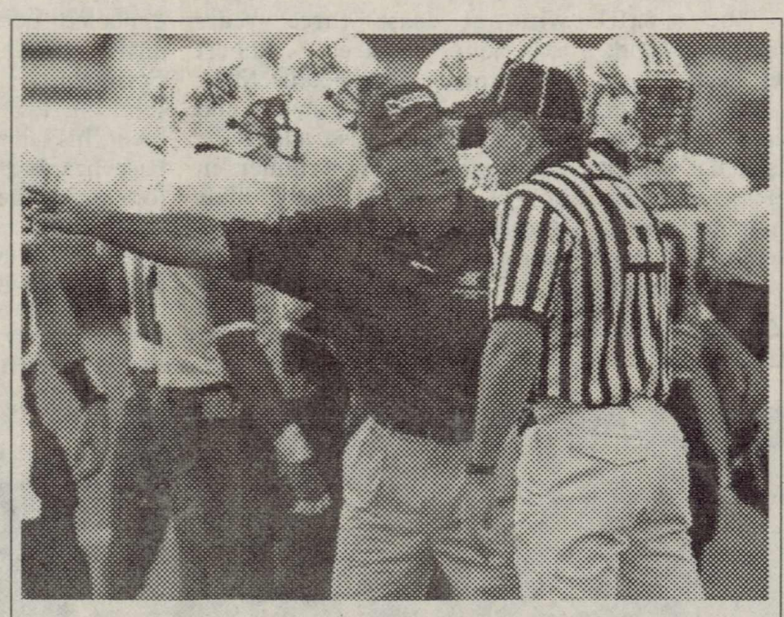
The reason why Goodwin was embarrased was because of 16 points scored by the SouthernMississippi Golden Eagle's defense in USM's victory over the Demons 40-6.

Turnovers and mistakes were once again at the center of the Demons' problems. Northwestern turned the ball over three times inside the red zone, twice being intercepted inside the end zone.

Add one fumble on the first play of the game, a blocked feild goal returned for a touchdown, and a blocked extra point, then there's a recipe for disaster.

"I'm very embarrased by the score and the fact that we gave them so much," said Goodwin.

So far this season, the Demons have turned the ball over 13 times, 8 coming last week against Southern. The Demons have gotten into the end zone only twice.



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Demon head coach Sam Goodwin argues a call a Saturday's 40-6 loss.

"I think we'll be a really good team if we dont keep shooting ourselves in the foot," replied Goodwin. "We corrected most of the problems from (Southern). Once we plug those leaks and they stay plugged, we can get going.

Sophomore quarterback Aubry Jones started the game for the Demons inplace of the injured Brad Spangler. Jones, a sophomore from Baton Rouge, completed 11 of 23 passes for 184 yards. Senior quarterback Bo Meeks made his fir appearance in a Demo uniform, throwing for 10 yards off 7 comnpletions.

Spangler may be ready t play in this Saturday.

Coming off a 144-yar rushing game against Southern Tony Taylor looked ver impressive again for th Demons, rushing for 71 yard and the only Demon TD again what coach Goodwin called "th best defense I've ever faced in 1 years here."

The Demon defense looke very sharp, holding the high powered USM running game t 91 yards. Last week again Tulane, Southern Miss explode for 221 yards rushing and 48 yards of total offense. Marcu Thomas led the Demon defens with 6 takles. Linebacker Lann Lawrence got the first Demo interception of the season earl in the first half.

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Senior cornerback Mike Green accumulated four tackles, as the Demon allowed USM 91 toal rushing yard and 197 yards passing.

Northwestern La (0-2) vs. Southern Miss (2-0, 1-0) at Hattieburg, Miss

Score by quarters

NSU	0	0	0	6	-	6
USM	14	17	7	2	-	40

Yardstick

	NSU	USM
First Downs	18	16
Rushing Attempts/Yds.	36/45	32/91
Passes (A-C-I)	39-18-3	28-16-1
Passing Yards	291	197
Total Offensive Yards	336	288
Punts/Avg.	5/43.2	6/40.8
Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	2/2	3-1
Penalties/ Yds.	9-77	4-19
Sacks/Yds.	3/21	3/34
Possession Time	32:20	27:40

Volleyball hands Grambling 3-1 loss

Jay Lyles/ Bryan Satawa
Sauce Reporter

With the win last Friday against Grambling State, Northwestern is off to its second best start in school history, as the team moved its record to 5-1.

NSU (5-1) took three of four games to beat Grambling (1-6) and won the match 3-1.

NSU opened the match by taking the first two games with scores of 15-8 and 15-7 respectively.

Grambling came back in the third game barely pulling off a 17-15 win.

NSU, however, finished out the match in the forth game when they slaughtered Grambling in a 15-2 whipping.

Lauren Thorman was one of the big stars for NSU. She recorded 10 kills and 17 total attacks over three games. She had a .471 PCT on the night.

Four players on the team went the distance on Friday as they competed through the whole night. Missy Krause, Lisa Abner, Ashley Brooks and Kim Hand played in all four games and kept their PCT's above .200.

The team recorded a total of 53 kills, 22 errors, 142 total attacks and a team PCT of .218. The team also recorded a total of eight blocks.

Grambling's best showing came from Yolanda Hudson played through four games recording 5 kills, 1 error, 13 total attacks and a PCT of .308.

The team totaled 32 kills, 18 errors, 107 total attacks and a team PCT of .131. The team did record 14.5 blocks, but it was not enough to stop the Demons.

The Demons then traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma to play in the Dr. Tom Cairns Hurricane Classic. In their first game in the tournament on Friday the Demons played the University of Missouri Kansas City and lost 3-0 (3-15, 4-15, 0-15). Kim Hand led the road weary Demons with four kills in the match and Missy Krause had 12 assists.

On Saturday the Demons played two matches. The first one was against North Texas State and the Demons won this match in a five game thriller 3-2 (15-12, 12-15, 5-15, 15-9, 15-9) Elizabeth Perez led the Demons with 18 kills in the match. Hand and Christina Stone also helped out in the match with 12 and 11 kills.

The Demons other match on Saturday was against the University of Tulsa. The Demons lost this one 3-0 (9-15, 4-15, 10-15). Lisa Abner had 13 kills in the game and 10 digs to lead the Demons.

The Lady Demons are now 6-3 overall on the season. This is the best start for t team in years.

This week the Demons will st Southland Conference play with their fi home games of the season in Prath Coliseum. On Friday the Demons will p the University of Texas San Antonio at 7: and then on Saturday they will pl Southwest Texas at 3:00. They will take break on Sunday and then play Th University of Louisiana- Monroe on Monda at 7:00 .

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Martin Lawrence took the top spot at the box office this weekend. For complete list see
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New "obscenity" ordinances proposed by city council

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Natchitoches is changing its tune. The Natchitoches City Council will meet Oct. 11 to vote on three new city ordinances concerning, Sexually Oriented Businesses.

A "sexually oriented business" is defined as any adult arcade, adult or sex-oriented bookstore, adult or sex-oriented theater, adult motel, adult video store, adult caberet, escort agency, sexual encounter center or any other business which sells, offers to sell, rents or offers to rent or displays any material depicting or describing "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

There are three ordinances, Numbers 66,67,68. Each ordinance deals with different areas of the "SOB" Laws. The first , No. 66, deals with "Licenses, Permits, and Miscellaneous Business Regulations." The second, No. 67, "Zoning Regulations." The last, No. 68, "Obscenity."

Natural Mystik, on Highway 1 South, has been the center of controversy since its grand opening last month. If the ordinances are passed, they would fall under Ordinance 66, "Licenses, Permits, and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," which says that a commercial establishment that, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following:

I. Books, magazines, periodicals, or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion picture, video cassettes or video reproduction, slides, or other visual representations that depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or " specified anatomical areas."

II. Instruments, devices, or paraphernalia that are designed for use in connection with " specified sexual activities."

Natchitoches is an Historic town with a lot of prestige and pride. It's not only the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase, but it's where movies such as Steel Magnolias have been made. The people of Natchitoches are concerned about their children and where their town is headed in the next millennium.

Natchitoches is growing by leaps and bounds and business is good for everyone. "Because of the growth that Natchitoches is experiencing we have to be careful about what types of business are moving in. You hear about this in New Orleans and New York, but Natchitoches has to set restrictions now. We are growing fast," said Mayor Sampite.

Ordinance Number 67, entitled " Zoning Regulations," will provide a new business district which will be known as the "B-SOB District."

With Natchitoches being a historical, conservative and religious community city ordinances must be passed in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of such businesses as well as the citizens of Natchitoches.

It is believed that by passing the above ordinance, property values will be protected and it will prevent further deterioration of the City neighborhoods. It will also promote the return of residents and businesses to City neighborhoods and decrease crime and juvenile delinquency.

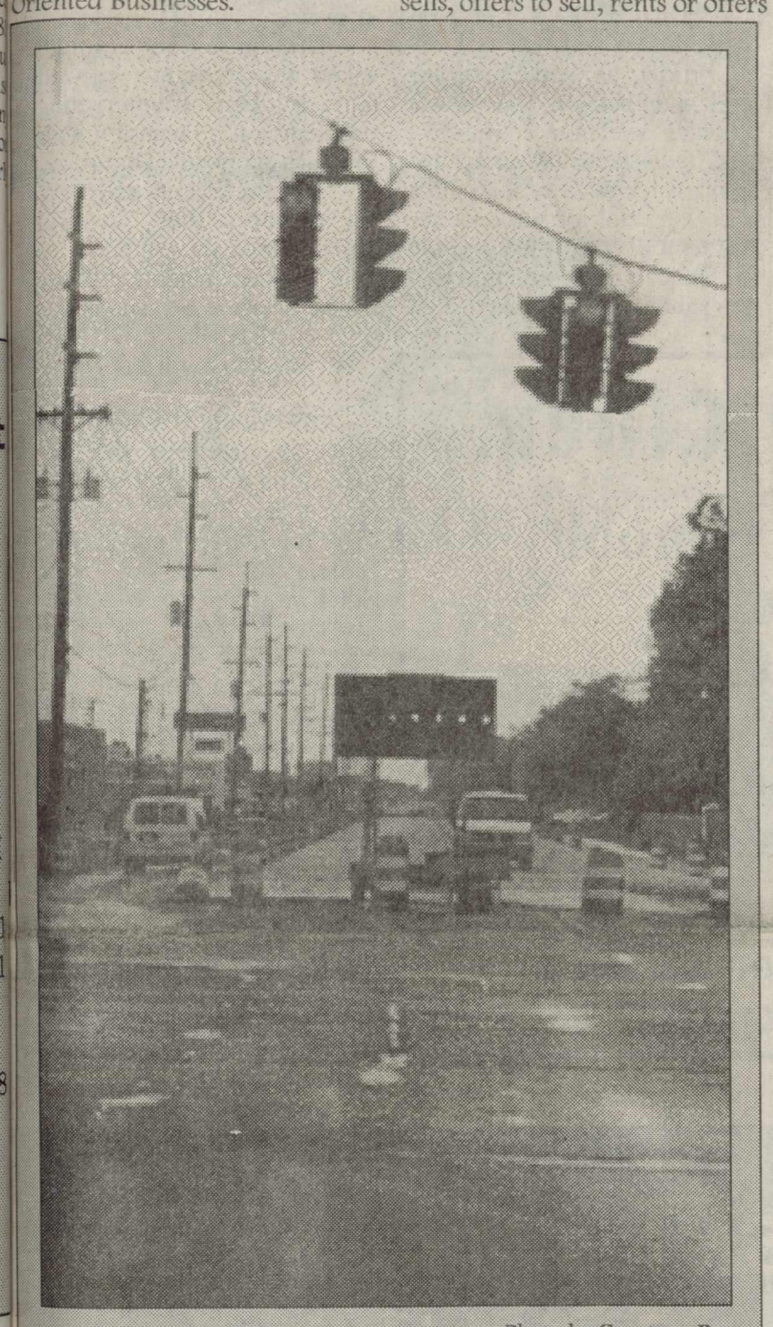

Photo by Courtney Payne
Ongoing construction to Keyser Avenue has inconvenienced many. For an update on the work, see the related story on page 3.

Complaints kill proposed name change

Sauce Staff

A proposal to change a street name in Natchitoches' was shot down under protest from local merchants.

After listening to a handful of protesters recently, the Natchitoches City Council decided it would be too much of a hassle to rename College Avenue to University Parkway.

Councilmen decided to let the issue die rather than place it back on the agenda.

The proposal was an ordinance to rename College Avenue from its intersection with Jefferson Street to La. Highway 6 to the western city limits.

Although the issue was placed on Monday's agenda for final voting, it was tabled to allow public input. The ordinance was first introduced at an Aug. 23 City Council meeting.

The council wanted to change the street name because College Avenue was originally named for Normal College, which eventually turned into Northwestern State University.

However, a small group of store owners who attended the council's pre-meeting last week said a simple name change could mean disaster for their businesses.

If College Avenue were changed to University Parkway, store owners would not only have to change their addresses but also their beer and lottery licenses, stationery, business cards and web sites.

Photo by Courtney Payne
The proposed name change of College Avenue had store owners, such as Lee Waskom of Campus Corner, concerned about business.

"It'll just be a real pain," said Tim Todd, co-owner of College Avenue Texaco Food Mart. "We don't feel like it's justified."

There are several establishments that use College Avenue as part of their name. They include College Avenue Washateria and College Avenue United Methodist Church.

Todd said changing the name wouldn't educate college students or increase the enrollment at Northwestern State University.

He stressed, however, their opposition to the name change doesn't mean he and other business owners aren't committed in their support of the university. "We're proud of Northwestern," he said. "We want to see it do good."

He pointed out other universities such as LSU and University of Louisiana at Lafayette have a College Drive.

Council members were hoping a sign bearing the new street name could be posted near Interstate 49 as a type of "gateway" leading motorists to the university. Todd said such a sign could still be placed near the interstate.

Lee Waskom, owner of Campus Corner at 912 College Ave, knows first-hand what name and address changes can mean for businesses. The name of Waskom's business was changed several years ago from Pat's Economy to Campus Corner.

That one name change meant having to deal with the store's 2,000 vendors, which led to what he called an "accounting nightmare."

"It takes a lot to get it done," he assured council members.

Waskom estimated it would take five to six years to make a total transition from one name to the other. Even today, he receives mail addressed to Pat's Economy.

Council member John Winston suggested the name change to phased in, making the transition less painful for business owners.

However, vendors quickly shot down that idea, insisting businesses must either go by one address or the other.

Leigh Perkins, director of emergency preparedness for the parish, reminded the Council that changing College Avenue to University Parkway might prove somewhat confusing for law enforcement officials since Natchitoches already has two other streets bearing the word "university."

In addition, voter registration cards would have to be changed for those residents living on College Avenue.

If the name change were approved, he said, all number addresses on College Avenue would be changed for proper sequencing.

Clayton Plaza to be unveiled soon

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On October 2nd during half-time of the NSU vs. Nicholls State game, The Jack Clayton Plaza will be revealed for everyone to see.

The athletic alumnus of 1957-68 have come together to recognize Coach Jack Clayton for his hard work and dedication to the athletic program at NSU and to create a scholarship in his honor.

Jack Clayton was the football coach from 1957-1966 and the baseball coach from 1967-1968. He led the football players in 1966 to fame as the only undefeated football team in NSU's history.

The Jack Clayton Plaza is approximately 1,807 sq. feet, with over 6,000 pieces of paved stone pavers, or bricks. Each of the big dark squares of bricks along the outside rim of the plaza each represents a team that Clayton coached. Each square has the name of each player, coach and manager affiliated with the team that year.

It will also state the team's record and any championships won that year. The square in the middle of the plaza will represent NSU's only undefeated football team. Former NSU football player, Randy Brodnax sculpted a bust of Jack Clayton that will be displayed in the plaza.

The remaining bricks left on the plaza are open for the public to buy. A donation can be made, and a message will be engraved into a brick in the plaza.

Donations are open for any business, individual, groups or organizations to purchase. The different levels of donations are: Bronze 100.00 to 499.00, Silver 500.00 to 999.00, Gold 1,000.00 to 2,499.00, Platinum 2,500.00 to 4,999.00 and Titanium 5,000.00 and up. There is a minimum of 100.00 donation to have a brick engraved, but all donations are welcome.

The money that is raised by the Jack Clayton Plaza will be used to pay for the plaza and to create a perminant scholarship for athletic students at NSU.

On October 2nd, the plaza is hoped to have raised 60 to 70 thousand dollars.

On Saturday the 2nd, there will be a luncheon at noon in the Student Union Ballroom, a Photo session at 1 p.m., a Plaza Preview at 2 p.m., a Pre-Game Reception at 4 p.m. in the Purple & White Room of the Athletic Fieldhouse, and during half-time The Jack Clayton Plaza will be dedicated.

For more information about purchasing bricks and making donations, contact Greg Burke at 357-5251 or go to www.nsula.edu/jcplaza/claPlazScan.jpg

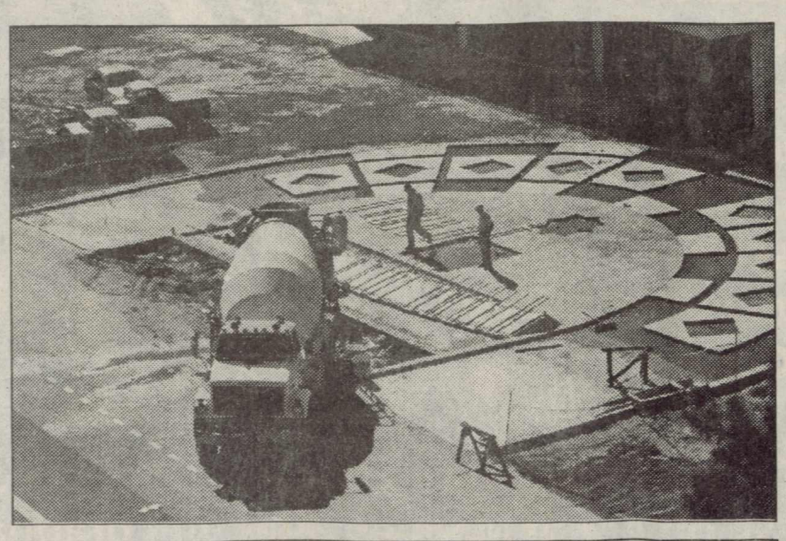

Photo by Gary Hardamon
The Jack Clayton Plaza, near the field house, will be unveiled to everyone at the half of the Nicholls St. game

More than 500 families take part in Family Day

JOSH GREEN
SAUCE REPORTER

The barbeques were grillin and the parents were "chillin" during NSU-SAB's annual family day.

Parents were lined up hours before the game Saturday from the entrance of Magale Recital Hall to Sam Sibley Drive.

Paul Monteleone, president of the Student Activities Board says that turnout for family day in the past "doesn't even compare" with this year's turnout.

"This year's family day was awesome," said Monteleone. More than three thousand tickets to the game against Tartleton State were given out to approximately five hundred families who showed up for the day's events.

Parents were treated to a meal, were eligible for door-prizes, and were invited to tailgate before the game. In addition, Dr. Randall Webb and S.G.A. President Shawn Hornsby gave reassuring speeches to their audience of involved, and in some cases concerned parents.

"I encouraged the parents to take a look at the student's surroundings and everyday life," said Hornsby. Obviously, that concept worked. Both parents and students were impressed with the message conveyed during Family Day's assembly.

Stephanie Danby and her parents say the S.A.B. put on a wonderful program this year. Bonnie Mathes, Stephanie's mom says that she can't wait to attend next year.

"All events seemed to run smoothly and the parents seemed really entertained", Danby continues, "programs like this help my parents know that NSU is a friendly environment where I can get involved."

Nicole Laborde said that what made it a good program for her mother was the feeling the football game gave her. "She felt like an NSU Demon . . . . rooting for the home team all the way."

Making parents feel reassured that Northwestern State University was S.A.B. goal each year before putting on Family Day. With the response of students and parents, it seems that Paul Montleone and his crew did just that.

Briefs

Items from NASA sold at Christie's auction

NEW YORK - Christie's auction house sold several pieces of space history moon-dusted name tag for $310,500 on Saturday.

During the 1971 flight of Apollo 15, jackets and other equipment were left on the moon to lighten the load for the return trip to earth. The late James Irwin, though, tore his 6-by-12-inch name tag off of his jacket.

A spacesuit used for training by Neil Armstrong sold for $178,500, more than twice what it was anticipated to sell for.

Anything flown into space must be given to the Smithsonian before it can be sold to the public, which causes the price of objects that have been in space to be high, due to scarcity.

New storm forming in Gulf

MIAMI - As Hurricane Gert moves towards Bermuda, Tropical Storm Harvey may be forming in the Gulf of Mexico.

Gert, with winds of 130 mph, is approaching Bermuda at 12 mph. The National Hurricane Center placed Gert 480 miles away from Bermuda on Sunday.

The National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane watch and a tropical storm warning on Sunday for Bermuda.

A tropical depression with 35 mph winds could become tropical storm Harvey.

The tropical depression remains 340 miles from St. Petersburg.

2,500 U.N. troops in Indonesia

DILI, Indonesia - Armed international peacekeeping troops flew into East Timor yesterday preparing the way for U.N. peacekeeping troops.

U.N. troops intend to help the Indonesian province gain independence.

The peacekeeping troops began by being greeted cordially by Indonesian troops and moving goats, which blocked part of the runway.

Pro-Jakarta militias and their allies in the Indonesian army oppose the peacekeeping mission.

Dili's airport is crucial to the U.N.'s mission.

By Monday afternoon more than 2,500 U.N. troops arrived in Indonesia.

Sixth hurricane of season forms off coast of California

MEXICO CITY - The National Hurricane Center identified Hilary, the sixth hurricane of the season, off of the coast of California Sunday.

The tropical storm became a hurricane when it obtained winds of 75 mph.

The National Hurricane Center expects Hilary to diminish before hitting land.

Money found missing during audit of Tournament of Roses Parade

PASADENA, Calif. - Following an annual audit of the Rose Bowl and New Year's Day Rose Parade, $60,000 came up missing.

Tournament of Roses officials confirmed that Richard Quattropane, chief financial officer for the tournament, resigned after the audit.

No arrests have been made.

Many discrepancies were found in Quattropane's financial records.

Authorities are now looking into previous years's

Financial Aid Night to answer questions of students

Karly Pierre
Contributing Writer

Do you have questions about financial aid? Financial Aid Night is the answer those questions.

Financial Aid Night will be held on Sept. 29 at 6:30 in the Cane River Room in the Student Union. The purpose of Financial Aid Night is to increase student body awareness of the financial aid process. Information and door prizes will be presented at the meeting. Students will also have the opportunity to voice concerns and questions.

"Financial Aid Night will stress the importance of meeting deadlines and make clear the students' responsibility in the financial aid process," said Kenn Posey, director of the Office of Student Financial Aid.

"Though application processing takes about a week at the University, it is better for the student if he or she turns in the application before the deadline. Northwestern handles about $26 million in student loans a year."

Posey said that some students have the misconception that they are only obligated to fill out the University Financial Aid Data Form and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Sometimes they are wrong.

"After the institutional application at the university is processed the student will receive a promissory note from the university certifying eligibility," said Posey. "It is then the student's responsibility to negotiate the loan check with a lender and mail the promissory note."

Financial Aid Night is one of many steps made by the Office of Financial Aid towards improving efficiency and student relations. Posey mentioned a new full-time coordinator of Appliance Services, full-time staff members serving one hour a day at the front desk and additional space to offer confidentiality as a few of the improvements made to the office.

Mary Odom, coordinator of Financial Aid Client Services, said the larger office space has been a big step towards effectively serving students.

"Before we enlarged the size of our offices, we only had one computer at the front desk and no place for the students to sit," said Odom. "Now that we have more room and computers, we have better access to information. The students feel more comfortable and they don't have to wait as long."

Susan Tilghman, a junior, noticed an improvement in service.

"They correspond more with you," said Tilghman. "If you ask questions, there is more help and processing is more efficient."

Senior Shannon Daney disagreed.

"I've come here for two weeks and haven't been able to see the person I've wanted to see," said Daney. "I've had to wait in long lines. Overall though, I'm pleased, and my advisor is really good."

For more information about Financial Aid Night or answers to questions about financial aid e-mail Kenn Posey at poseyk@alpha.nsula.edu

CP-Tel ending University discounts

Joni Naquin
Suace Reporter

Students will soon find they will be paying more for using the Internet. As of October 1, CP-Tel network services will no longer be offering the student discounts or the educator and senior discounts.

"We find we can't make any money with a $19.95 account," Richard Gill, CP-Tel General Manager said. "It's a business decision."

Student accounts are more difficult to maintain, he said. It's harder to administer student accounts because CP-Tel has no way of controlling if a student no longer is a student, he said. Gill stated that not only do students use the Internet more than any other group, but students also connect and disconnect more than any other group.

"We decided we wanted to provide a high quality of service," Gill said. "We just cannot do it at $19.95 account, especially with a group that uses the Internet a lot more than a lot of our customers."

photo by Virginia L. Dixon
Students and teachers will soon lose CP-Tel discounts.

The decision to end the discounts is to make CP-Tel's business more profitable and more efficient. CP-Tel hopes to continue to provide the quality of service that their customers are used to having. CP-Tel prides itself on having faster more reliable service than any other Internet service providers available. For this reason, some students feel that CP-Tel is capitalizing on a monopoly.

"CP-Tel decided to charge an additional five dollars from students because they know that they are the only provider that offers unlimited service locally," senior and CP-Tel customer, Manny Guendulay said. "Students have to keep using it because not only is it the best it's the only one that provides that type of service."

Despite this new price increase, CP-Tel is not expecting a loss of customers. Gill says that customers rely on their quality and will be willing to pay extra for it.

"We don't think we will have a great deal of people leave us, because basically it is a good quality service," Gill said.

"I make no apologies," he said. "What you can get out of CP-Tel is plenty worth the money," he said.

Students will be able to see the change in prices in their October bill. The new billing cycle will start in the middle of October. The Personal Package will now be $24.95 per month, rather than $19.95. The basic dial-up package is $10.95 a month.

"I think CP-Tel has decided to profit off of the poor services that NSU students have to use in order to connect on campus with the VAX," Guendulay said. "I have done the math and I don't see how CP-Tel could stand to make money if students like myself discontinue their service."

Customers can look forward to some better packages down the road, though. Gill says there are plans for package deals and CP-Tel will also try to allow even higher speed access available soon.

If a CP-Tel customer would like to downgrade their services to the basic package or if they would like to cancel their order, they can call CP-Tel at 352-0006.

Jindal brings "tour" to University

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor in chief

Last Tuesday, approximately 200 students took part in an interactive presentation given by University of Louisiana System President Bobby Jindal.

The presentation at the University was the first stop on a tour of all eight University of Louisiana schools. The purpose of Jindal's "Tour of Excellence" is to promote a 60-page guide to postgraduate opportunities. The guide is a compilation of scholarships and fellowships from both abroad and domestic institutions.

"This book is the first step," Jindal said.

Jindal, a Rhode's scholar and member of the state's Rhode's selection committee, said that he would not have applied for such scholarships if it were not for the encouragement of his professors.

Before the session with the students, Jindal met with a 'campus team' made of administrators and faculty members. The team is responsible for organizing a "one-stop shop" for students that would provide all pertinent information about postgraduate opportunities.

"The whole idea is to excite our students," Jindal said. "Students need exciting opportunities to keep them in Louisiana."

During the session Jindal briefly outlined the book then focused on interviewing skills.

Jindal said, do not give an answer you think interviewers want to hear. He added, give them your answer because there are no right or wrong answers.

The questions Jindal asked the audience ranged from solutions to marketing problems of pharmaceuticals to which six people would you invite to dinner and why.

Jindal hopes the tour will spark immediate results.

"The deadlines for many of the overseas awards is late fall," Jindal said. "We hope many students will apply this year."

Dr. Randall Webb, the University president, also supported the students and all of their efforts.

"You make us proud to be associated with Northwestern," Webb said.

The tour left the University headed for Louisiana Tech and will continue to visit all of the universities until the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana system meeting this week.

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Non-Traditional students find difficulty in obtaining scholarships

Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

Scholarships are offered as a means of financial assistance to all applicable students, including non-traditional and continuing education.

Although scholarships for continuing education and non traditional students seem to be few and far between, I have located two awards designed specifically for these students.

The Girtrude Bott Scholarship is to be awarded to those who qualify as continuing education students.

Students interested in applying for this scholarship need to secure an application from the Scholarship Office in Roy Hall, complete the application, and turn it back in to the Scholarship Office by July 1st. It will then go before the University's Scholarship Committee, where the decision of whether or not to grant the award is made.

Because the "Bott Scholarship" is considered a one-year-award, the student must reapply every year in order to be considered in the distribution of the reward.

The House of Representatives has developed a proposal to award what would be the second scholarship offered through the Scholarship Office to non-traditional and continuing students.

The House's proposal of the "Resolution 200" scholarship is an allocation of already existing scholarship funds into a separate University account to recognize Everit Doerge, a deceased U.S. legislator and alumnus of the University who was said to be very active in educational issues.

The award will recognize a continuing student in the College of Education, whether the student is a freshman, sophomore or junior with a scholarship of $400 a year.

Once the student receives the "Resolution 200" scholarship, it will remain with them until they graduate.

This scholarship has not yet been approved.

"We're trying to come up with some ways to recognize continuing and non traditional students," Ina Agnew, Director of Enrollment Services, said. "The House 'Resolution 200' scholarship provided us with one avenue to do that. We're still looking for some other means."

According to Johnnette Smiley, Coordinator of University Scholarships, non-traditional and continuing students are offered a number of awards through departmental scholarships and the Alumni Center.

Although scholarships for non-traditional and continuing students seem almost non-existent, the truth is that most scholarships offered are not based upon classification or age.

Almost all criteria for scholarships offered through the University (excluding the Bott scholarship and the proposed "Resolution 200") are based upon major, ethnic background, academic ability, and in some cases, where the student is from. The age of the student is seldom, if ever, an issue in the granting of a scholarship.

So, ask around. Just because non traditional students have been around a little bit longer than the other students, does not make them any less special.

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Keyser construction about to go to next level

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

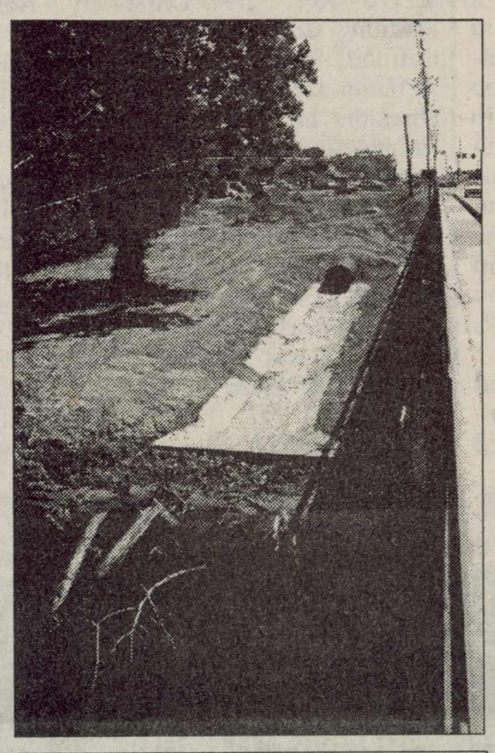


Photo by Courtney Payne
Construction to Keyser Avenue and Keyser Bridge should be completed sometime next year

As the Keyser Street expansion gets into full swing, the Keyser Street Bridge prepares to be renovated and expanded.

"Plans have been completed for some time," said Bridge Design Engineer for Louisiana Wayne Aymond.

Aymond said that construction on Keyser Road has postponed any work on the Keyser bridge. Two separate construction sites at the same time and almost the same location would cause unnecessary traffic problems Aymond said. The Keyser Avenue construction is bout one year from completion.

"The project is scheduled for letting [accepting bids to perform the construction] in late August," Aymond said.

The company with the lowest bid will receive the contract for the construction.

The bridge construction should cause little problem for the city Aymond said.

"The construction will involve the construction of a detour bridge," Aymond said.

The two lane detour bridge will be built just north of the existing bridge.

"As soon as the detour bridge opens, the existing bridge will be shut down for construction," Ayond said.

Many construction sites face the problem of motorists who refuse to slow down, but Aymond does not expect that problem in Nathcitoches.

"By and large this shouldn't affect the city in any way," Aymond said. "They have a two lane bridge now, and they'll have a two lane bridge when construction begins. When we finish, they'll have a nicer three lane bridge."

Hawthorne, Townsend visit campus

Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

Some special guests visited sororities and fraternities on Sunday night. Two local politicians visited meeting on Sundays to encourage voter registration and to promote their campaigns.

District Judge candidate, Dee Ann Hawthorne and State Representative candidate, Taylor Townsend both visited the Phi Mu house to promote their campaigns.

Taylor Townsend felt it was important to talk to college students because policies affect students and students have an important voice in society.

"You are spending your money here at this university, you're working, you're driving a vehicle, so it's your tax money being spent and your life that will be controlled, one way or another by government regulations," Townsend said to the Phi Mu's. "It's your job to go out and vote."

He encourage voter registration and he handed out voter registration cards. It was important to Townsend to meet with the other fraternities and sororities on campus. He also met with the College Republicans.

Later in the evening, District Judge candidate Dee Ann Hawthorne also visited the Phi Mu house to speak to members of Phi Mu and to members of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. She gave students insight into her life and the story of how she became a lawyer.

"I love to talk to students and I try to maintain contact with the university students,"Hawthorne said. " It keeps me young."

Hawthorne explained to students how she would be a good judge because she would listen to students and hear their side. She feels that students should not be taken advantage of in the courtroom. Hawthorne wants to students to be treated fairly in her courtroom.

The elections for the two candidates will be held on Oct. 23.

Demon pep rallies strong in fourth year

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

"Demons come out at night" is in its fourth year at Northwestern.

"The 'Demons come out at night' is a pep rally event that is for the support of the football team and to promote the game," said Melanie McBride, chairman of the pep rally committee.

"There are usually door prizes given. At the games, students are in the stands. The pep rally gives the students a chance to get an up close view of the field since they can sit on the field during the rally."

At the rally, University President Dr. Randall Webb welcomed the students. Greg Burke, athletic director, spoke as well as Demon Football Coach Sam Goodwin. There was a Screamin' Demon contest. The most spirited wins a door prize.

"The pep rallies are sponsored by the Order or Omega, an academic honor society organization for Greek students," said Duke Johnson, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organizations for Greek Life and Leadership Development.

To be in Order of Omega, the requirements are: 1) the student must have one full year of residency at Northwestern; 2) the student must be a junior or a senior; 3) the student must rank academically above the Greek average which is 2.73; and 4) the student must be in good standing with their fraternity or sorority.

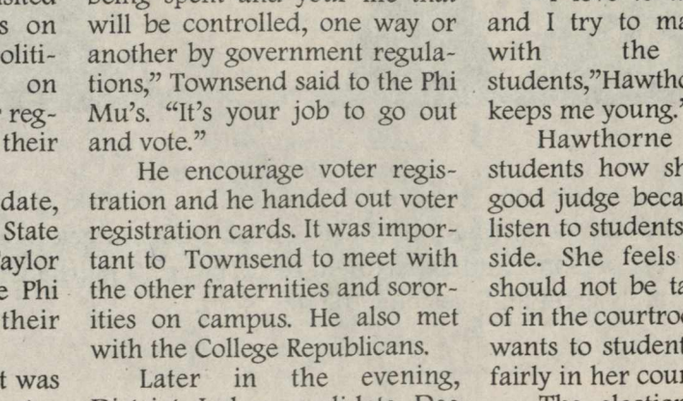


Photo by Gary Hardamon
University students come out in force every Friday night to support the Demons at the "Demons come out at night" pep rallies.

Pep rallies are held each Friday night before home games at Turpin Stadium. The pep rallies usually start at 10 p.m. Spirit groups, the dance line, etc. usually perform as well.

"We want all students, not just fraternities and sororities to participate," Johnson said.

Campus Connections

Counseling and Career Services: All students who are interested in locating off-campus, part-time employment may come by Student Union 305 and schedule an appointment with the Counseling and Career Services Office. Our office will assist you with the development of your resume, interviewing skills, and eventual placement into the business community. For more information, call 357-5621.

Society for Advancement of Management (SAM):
meeting for anyone interested in joining Wednesday September 22nd at 2:30 pm Room 218, Russell Hall If you can't make the meeting, but are interested in SAM please email me at wbush21@hotmail.com

The **Society of Professional Journalists** Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the organization is encouraged to attend or contact the chapter adviser, Neil Ralston, at 357-4439. The Society is a 90-year-old organization that features more than 13,500 student and professional members throughout the world. The Society is dedicated to a free press, free speech and the ethical practice of journalism.

Biological Honor Society New members meeting, September 23rd at 5 p.m. in room 108 of Bienvenue Hall.

The Student Activities Board will be holding interviews for two Representative at Large positions on Mon. September 27 at 12 Noon. Apply in Rm 214 of the Student Union by 12 Noon Friday September 24.

Phi Mu Fraternity:
Hey Everybody! Please make sure to attend the mandatory Sisterhood tonight. Please be sure to vote for your sisters this week - elections are Wednesday and Thursday. Good luck ladies we love ya'll. Also remember to eat lunch the courtyard. Please attend the IM game this week, Tuesday 3 p.m. Don't forget to listen to the speaker in the ballroom and Bible Study will follow. Have a great week!

The German Club will meet Fridays 6:30 p.m. at Cafe' Isabelle. Everybody is invited to attend. For more information call Mark at 357-4132.

College Republicans:
There will be a community forum held in the President's Room of the Student Union on Thursday, September 23. The guest speaker will be Commissioner of Elections Candidate Gary Reynolds. Everyone on campus is encouraged to attend the forum. Your presence and views at the forum will be quite welcome and respected. This is not an endorsement for a candidate, but it is a chance to hear about many of the issues currently facing our state.

This week at the BSUI
Wednesday night worship service at 8:30 p.m.
Thursday from 11:15-12:30 LUNCH Encounter (home-cooked meals for only a dollar)
Thursday night at 8 p.m. Freshman Council

Mu Epsilon Delta Meeting
At 6 p.m. in RM 107 of Bienvenue Hall. Anyone interested in medicine is invited to attend.

Campus Crusade for Christ will have a co-ed Bible Study Thursday at 6:30 in the Cane River Room of the Student Center. Everyone is invite. For more information call Candy McNabb or Courtney Ridre at 214-0122

If you are interested in The Class Council come to a meeting in the SGA Office, Student Union Room 221 at 6p.m. Wednesday. Phone 357-4501

News

LOB committee looking for help organizing this year's pagean

Steve Evans
Contributing Writer

The committee that organizes the Miss Northwestern, Lady of the Bracelet pageant, is still looking to find volunteers to help with the planning and organizing of the Northwestern's only Miss Louisiana qualifier.

The Lady of the Bracelet pageant is Northwestern's annual beauty contest which will be held on January 28, 2000. The winner receives over 5,000 dollars in scholarships and has an opportunity to compete at the Miss Louisiana pageant. The first runner up receives 2,500 dollars in scholarships which are provided by the SAB.

The pageant originally started as a picture contest for the year book. In 1958 the first Miss Lady of the Bracelet was crowned. She was given a bracelet which is still passed on today to the next year's winner. Each year a new name token baring the winners name is added to the bracelet. Eventually the SAB took over the organization and planning of the contest.

This pageant is organized today by the "Lady of the Bracelet (LOB) committee" of the Student Activities Board. Any student is eligible to have a voice and be a member of this or any committee the SAB organizes.

Sarah Griffith, committee head, says, "Joining a committee is a great way to get involved and shows that you are willing to work."

Currently the committee is comprised of nine volunteers. Any student who is interested may join a committee at any time. None of these volunteers can be a member of the SAB board however. The board members do help when asked but are not an actual member of the committee.

The LOB committee will meet on Tuesday September 14, at 5:00 P.M. in the student union lobby. The people on the committee are going to be responsible for the set up and behind the scenes work of the pageant. Griffith plans to form sub committees at the first meeting on Tuesday.

This LOB pageant follows the guidelines of the Miss America pageant. Because it is a qualifier for Miss Louisiana these guidelines must be followed. Each contestant competes in four categories; interview, evening-ware, talent a swimsuit.

To be eligible to be a co testant in the LOB contest y must be a female full time st dent at Northwestern, have minimum GPA of 2.0, can n have been married, can not ha given birth and must have issue of concern. Some issu are SADD, literacy and sexu abstinence. For further info mation reguarding guidlin and applications contact the S office at 357-6511.

Traffic Appeals committee to meet soon

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

Students who disagree with traffic tickets that they have received may appeal these tickets to the Traffic Appeals Committee. The committee meets the second Monday of each month in room 216 of the Student Union.

"We look at every ticket, whether the student comes or not," said Carl Henry, chairman of the Traffic Appeals Committee. "Two years ago this was mandatory to attend. I think that it's better for students this way because students have jobs, because students have class."

Henry points to students who move their car between classes as a source of many parking problems.

"We cannot provide convenient parking for six or seven thousand students," Henry said. "It's three minutes from the stadium."

The Watson Library and East Caldwell lots are designated as open lots, which means any registered car may park in these lots. Many students do not know this said Henry.

"I don't know of any campus in the state where you can drive your car up to the front of each classroom building. If you can find that school, call me. I want to visit it," Henry said. "We have a beautiful campus here. We don't want to make it a concrete campus."

The University is currently constructing two new parking lots: one between Varnado Hall and Boozman Hall and one between Boozman Hall and Fine and Performing Arts. Henry said the zoning of the lots will be determined at a later date.

For students who would rather not walk, the University provides a shuttle bus.

For more information on parking and lot designation, students should contact University Police at 357-5431.

Brossette named dean of continuing education

News Bureau

Dr. Alvin Brossette Jr. has been named dean of continuing education and director of minority affairs at Northwestern State University.

His appointment has been approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Brossette has been acting dean of continuing education for the past year. He was director of continuing education from 1996 until 1998.

Over the past three years, Brossette has overseen off-campus credit and non-credit short courses as well as distance education and public service projects and continuing education unit courses. Brossette also developed the Northwestern Works program which includes a successful welfare-to-work component along with training and development courses for inexperienced and seasoned workers.

Brossette has been successful in bringing outside funding to Northwestern to enhance existing programs and create new services to assist those in the university's service area.

He has helped NSU receive more than $1.3 million in grants that helped create a distance learning network and a Welfare-to-Work and Find Work program for former welfare recipients along and job training program in partnership with area businesses. In cooperation with Natchitoches businessman Ben D. Johnson, Brossette helped establish the Ben D. Johnson Scholarship Fund and the Ben D. Johnson Endowed Professorship in NSU's College of Business.

The "Find Work" has paid off for its participants as 89 percent (46 of 52) who completed the program are employed in full-time, career path jobs at Alliance Compressors in Natchitoches. Northwestern's Welfare to Work program has been successful in finding employment for recipients with few job skills. The program has placed 30 participants in unsubsidized employment.

At NSU, Brossette has also served on the University Planning Council, the Athletic Council, the Northwestern Athletic Association Board of Directors and has chaired the Information Technology Advisory Council.

He also served on the faculty as an assistant professor of education in 1975-76. Brossette received a bachelor of science degree at Grambling State University and a doctorate in education at Western Michigan University.

In addition to being a faculty member at NSU, Brossette was chair of the Department Curriculum and Instruction a an assistant professor of educ tion at Prairie View A& University.

He has been an adjunct fa ulty member at the University Texas at Arlington and E Texas State University.

Before coming Northwestern, Brossette was magnet school principal a planner with the Grand Prai Independent School Distr in Grand Prairie, Texas.

From 1982 until 1995, was a teacher, assistant prin pal, principal and princip planner for learning cente with the Dallas Public Scho System. Prior to that, Brosse was superintendent of scho with the Wilmer-Hutchi Independent School System Dallas.

University department head authors book

Mary A. Freeman
Contributing Writer

Students who are having problems coping with having a loved one in counseling might want to check out the book Outside Looking In: When Someone You Love Is in Therapy.

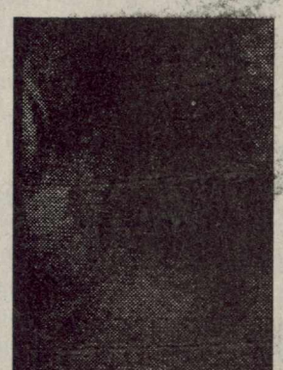
"This book was written with you in mind-and heart," from Outside Looking In: When Someone You Love Is in Therapy. "For years, as therapists, we have been with clients one-on-one, knowing that for each person in our office there were 'significant others' who perhaps were in as much pain."

The book was co-written by Dr. Patrice Moulton, head of the psychology department here at the University. The goal of the book is to help the reader understand the process of counseling.

It gives the reader a better understanding of what their friend or family member experiences in therapy, how the person may help their friend and how they might help themselves cope, Moulton said.

"It helps to understand the process."

Some of the issues addressed include confidentiality, guilt and shame, anger and responsibility and self-care and support.



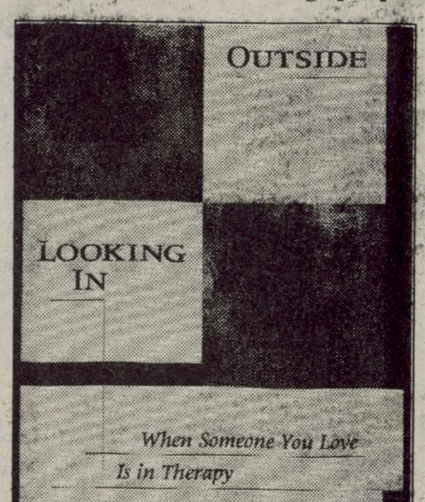
Moulton

"Many times the people in the caretaking roles do not take care of themselves," said Rebecca Boone, university counselor. "I do have students who are worried about what's going on at home, and they feel bad because they can't be there."

In chapter nine, the rights of family and friends are discussed. Some of these rights are the right to your own feelings, the right to disagree, the right to be well informed and the right to have a life.

The issues discussed in the book are universal, Moulton said. "One of those is the process of loving somebody."

"The hardest thing is standing by and watching people struggle," Boone said. "It's hard when we love someone not to want to fix what's going on."



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Moulton's book will help friends and families deal with the therapy process.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

The journalism department hosted a "tea party" last week to welcome new faculty professors, support personel and department head. Over 50 journalism students attended the gathering to formally greet and welcome the new staff.

911 problem hopefully solved

Angela McCorkle
Contributing Writer

Since last semester Student Affairs has had stickers with the campus police phone number on them available for everyone on campus.

Last semester, it became apparent that one could not call 911 from campus. It seemed as though calling the campus police at 5431 was not obvious to people in an emergency situation. Mary E. Stacy, director of auxiliary services said,

"What we did we did this in response to a situation that happened last spring, where someone tried to dial 911 and got no response; so therefore, we took an active measure in informing campus offices and students of what the number is to dial for emergency assistance on campus and that number is 5431, university police."

When Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, became aware of this problem he spoke to Stacy about posting the university police number for awareness.

Seymour had done a similar project at a school he worked at before.

"Which is a spin-off of a SGA project," Seymour said. "It seemed to work real well so I suggested it to Ms. Stacy." Stacy then began working with Wallace Bookstore to help with this project. The bookstore then had stickers printed up for the university.

These stickers were supposed to be posted on phones around campus to help make students aware that they would have to call the university police in case of emergency. The stickers were also supposed to be given out to residents at dorm in to be put on their phones or on their phone books.

"This is a way to help individuals to know how to deal with an emergency since we don't have 911," Seymour said.

Stacy and Seymour plan on keeping this project going until the phone lines are able to allow people on campus to call 911, which is a telephone system problem.

Seymour feels that it is comforting to have the number close by in case of emergencies. Even after the university gets a new phone system, Seymour would like to still post the emergency numbers and include both the university police and 911 on the stickers.

Watson Library hosting Technology Fair

Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

Watson Library will host a Technology Fair this Wednesday to showcase the latest additions to the Library's technology.

Besides premiering the library's new unified work stations, the library will have vendor displays featuring the latest technological improvements. The library will also offer giveaways and free refreshments. The Technology Fair is the first of its kind and gives students the first opportunity to get hands-on experience with the unified work stations.

Previously, the library had several groups of computer workstations. Some computers only allowed access to the database. To make research easier for students, the library has merged the system together. Now, a students will be allowed access to all the information from just one workstation.

The idea to have the Technology Fair came from a marketing committee.

"Last spring, I had Dr. Penny Simpson's marketing class do some marketing plans for us," Watson Library Director, Ada Jarred said. "Then we formed a marketing committee."

It is the chair of this marketing committee, Charlie Gaudin, who came up with the idea and the committee jumped on it, Jarred said.

The Technology Fair will be set up outside the library and in the two front lobbies of Watson Library. The Fair is open to the public as well as students, however, only NSU students are able to win the IBM laptop computer to be given away at the Fair.

Many computer vendors and cell phone vendors will also be showcased at the Technology Fair. The Fair will take place from 10 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29.

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My Side

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

Every once in a great while, I come across something that truly astounds and moves me. Several weeks ago, my father handed me a stack of papers and said simply, "Read it."

The papers contained a speech, given by National Rifle Association President Charlton Heston. I ask that, with an open mind, you also follow my father's advice and read several excerpts from his speech...

"As I have stood in the cross hairs of those who target Second Amendment freedoms, I've realized that firearms are not the only issue. No, it's much bigger than that. I've come to understand that a cultural war is raging across our land, in which, with Orwellian fervor, certain acceptable thoughts and speech are mandated."

"For example, I marched for civil rights with Dr. King in 1963— long before Hollywood found it fashionable. But when I told an audience last year that white pride is just as valid as black pride or red pride or anyone else's pride, they called me a racist."

"I've worked with brilliantly talented homosexuals all my life. But when I told an audience that gay rights should extend no further than your rights or my rights, I was called a homophobe."

"I served in World War II against the Axis powers. But during a speech, when I drew an analogy between singling out innocent Jews and singling out innocent gun owners, I was called an anti-Semite."

"Everyone I know knows I would never raise a closed fist against my country. But when I asked to oppose this cultural prosecution, I was compared to Timothy McVeigh..."

"...Americans know something, without a name, is undermining the nation, turning the mind mushy when it come to separating truth from falsehood and right from wrong. And they don't like it."

"Let me read a few examples. At Antioch college in Ohio, young men seeking intimacy with a coed must get verbal permission at each step of the process from kissing to petting to final copulation...all clearly spelled out in a printed college directive..."

"At William and Mary, students tried to change the name of the school team 'The Tribe' because it was supposedly insulting to local Indians, only to learn that authentic Virginia chiefs truly like the name..."

"In New York City, kids who don't speak a word of Spanish have been placed in bilingual classes to learn their three R's in Spanish solely because their last names sound Hispanic..."

"...David Howard, head of the Washington D.C. Office of Public Advocate, used the word 'niggardly' while talking to colleagues about budgetary matters. Of course, 'niggardly' means stingy or scanty. But within days Howard was forced to publicly apologize and resign."

"As columnist Tony Snow wrote: 'David Howard got fired because some people in public employ were morons who (a) didn't know the meaning of 'niggardly,' (b) didn't know how to use a dictionary to discover the meaning, and (c) actually demanded that he apologize for their ignorance."

"What does all this mean? It means that telling us what to think has evolved into telling us what to say, so telling us what to do can't be far behind..."

"If you talk about race, it does not make you a racist. If you see distinctions between genders, it does not make you a sexist. If you think critically about a denomination, it does not make you anti-religion. If you accept but don't celebrate homosexuality, it does not make you a homophobe."

"Don't let America's universities continue to serve as incubators for this rampant epidemic of new McCarthyism. But what can you do? How can anyone prevail against such pervasive social subjugation?..."

"You simply...disobey. Peaceably, yes. Respectfully, of course. Nonviolently, absolutely. But when told how to think or what to say or how to behave, we don't. We disobey social protocol that stifles and stigmatizes personal freedom..."

"So that this nation may long endure, I urge you to follow in the hallowed footsteps of the great disobediencies of history that freed exiles, founded religions, defeated tyrants, and yes, in the hands of an aroused rabble in arms and a few great men, by God's grace, built this country."

I have included ellipses to indicate that sections of the speech I omitted. To view the entire speech, look under the archives page on NewsMax.com

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Tailgate '99

NSU fans kick off the home football season with live music, barbecued food and lots of fun

Jay Lyles
Sauce Reporter

Sausages, chicken, charcoal, intoxicating beverages, live music and sports balls may sound like your last family reunion, but it is not. In actuality, it is all part of the tailgating experience at Northwestern State University football games.

Unbeknownst to many people, tailgating starts before every home football game and continues until shortly before kickoff. At Saturday's game against Tarleton State University, most tailgaters began at noon and ended before the pregame activities, at 5:00.

"This is all day entertainment," said Melvin Vidos about his first time tailgating.for NSU.

He and his wife, Teresa, spent the day cooking hot links, hamburgers and chicken, while they watched the Demon Dazzlers practice dance routines and the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band rehearse for halftime and pregame shows. Coincidentally, he won their tickets for the game listening to the radio and was able to enjoy the whole day for only the cost of food.

People seemed to have different reasons for coming out to the tailgating party. Some people come for the music; some for the food and others just want to conversate with fellow demon fans. Take Dr. Ron McBride of the College of Education for example.

"It gives NSU fans a chance to get together and talk about the game, last week's game and build spirit for the team," said McBride about why he attends tailgating events.

He also said that over the last two or three years it has doubled in size, and he sees it getting bigger.

It seems that many tailgaters present have watched the tailgating events get bigger over the years. According to the Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio, tailgater Layne Miller would take home the award of most dedicated tailgater, if it existed.

When asked about tailgating, Miller said that it all started underneath the trees in the northwest corner of the stadium about 17 years ago.

He said that he and George Etheredge would see one another underneath the trees. One of them would be cooking sausage and the other something else. This was the humble beginning of what has become a huge tradition.

"Oh God, we've been here at least 15 years," said Etheredge about how long they had been tailgating.

He also said that over the past four or five years the tailgating has really become much more accepted by fans, and it is far bigger than it has ever been before. Etheredge said that he, Miller, Lee Posey and Wayne Bostick got together and started setting up tents that have attracted many more people.

Other people describe the tailgating experience in very concise words. No one could have been more concise on this subject than Dr. Seymour, Vice-President of Student Affairs.

"Wonderful! Good Crowd! Cooperative weather," explained Seymour about last weekend's tailgating.

"It gets bigger and better every year," said NSU student and graduating senior Matt Pinkard, who loved the music being performed by the Harmon Drew Supergroup.

This year's tailgating saw new tailgaters, such as the new fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, and the Student Media.

Many people, such as David Stamey, believe that the success of this year's tailgating events are very much due to the success of the 1998 football team.

"There are more tailgaters than ever before. I think we're building on the 1998 season," said Stamey. "I believe we can build from here on out."

Anyone can help these people build. There are tailgating events before every home game that are open to all people. So come out, eat some great food, listen to some great music and build spirit for the NSU Demons.

Did you know...

Tabasco sauce is made by fermenting vinegar and hot peppers in a French oak barrel, which has three inches on salt on top and is aged for three years until all the salt is diffused through the barrel.

Did you know...

Female alligators choose their mates by laying on top of the males in water. If the male does not sink, the female alligator stays with the male.

RISKY BUSINESS

NSU seeing effects of sexual activity

DANA GONZALES
SAUCE REPORTER

College is a time of adventure for most students. It is a time to learn, party and, for some, get pregnant and contract sexually transmitted diseases.

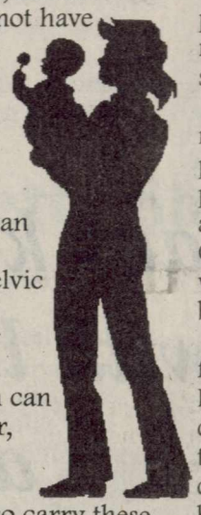
Although the semester has just begun, Stephanie Self, a registered nurse at the campus infirmary, has already seen the results.

"I've only been here two and half weeks, and I've had five people come in as possible pregnancies," Self said. "We provide an orientation class for freshman at the end of October or early November, that teaches them how to prevent sexually transmitted diseases."

The infirmary distributes approximately 2,000 free condoms per semester to students who pay for health services, but does not provide other forms of birth control.

According to the National Institutes of Health, sexually transmitted diseases are most prevalent among teenagers and young adults. Nearly two-thirds of all STD's occur in those younger than 25 and not all STD's are curable.

While these diseases affect both men and women, the institute found that STD related problems tend to be more severe and more frequent for women than men, because women often do not have symptoms allowing the disease to exist untreated for longer periods of time.



Some STD's can spread into the uterus causing pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility and ectopic pregnancy, which can be fatal. However, men who do experience any symptoms can also carry these diseases. Some sexually transmitted diseases can even lean to cancer later in life.

Since many STD's do not produce symptoms, the institute recommends period testing of sexually active individuals.

Also, sexual activity often results in pregnancy. Fifty percent of unmarried pregnancies end in abortion according to the Campaign for Our Children while 43 percent will end in an unintended birth.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, women who contract STD's can later pass them on to their children causing blindness, death or brain damage.

It can all be prevented, they advise.

The Natchitoches Parish Health Unit provides birth control, pregnancy tests, prenatal service and treatment for STD's, said Silesia Phillip, a caseworker at the unit.

"There is a fairly long waiting list for birth control," Phillip explained. "There are other health units without waiting lists, however."

The unit provides free condoms to anyone who wants them.

The Crisis Pregnancy Center also provides free pregnancy tests and pregnancy counseling.

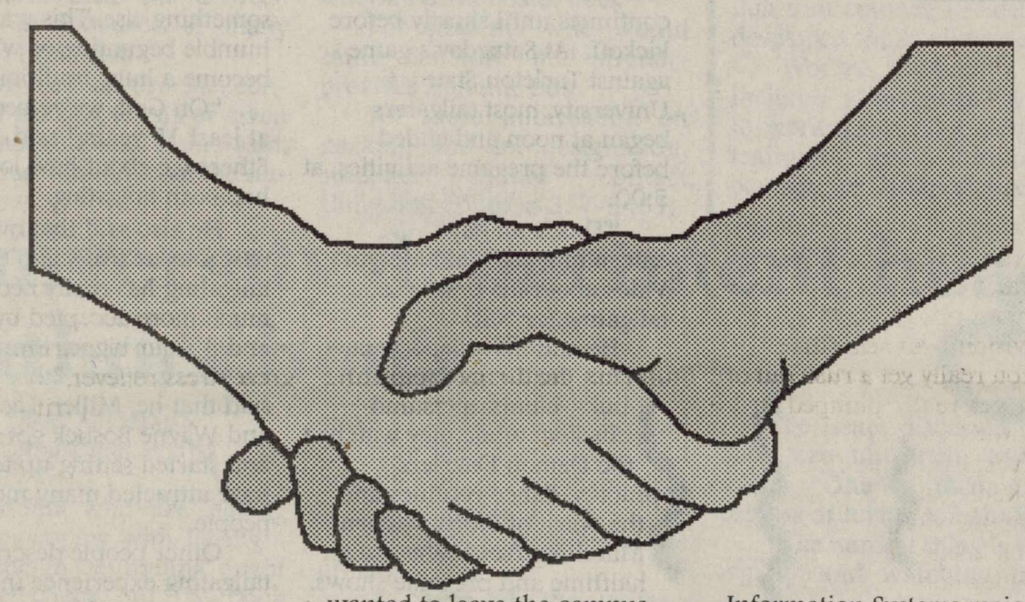
"We never recommend abortion," Judy Sluppick, executive director of the center, said. "We see a lot of women who have had abortions, and we see the devastation in their lives. We are pro-life."

Condom-use does not protect against all sexually-transmitted diseases, but it does protect against a majority of them, and if used correctly, is effective in preventing pregnancy. Oral contraceptive taken daily protect against pregnancy, but not STD's.

The Natchitoches Health Unit can be reached at (318) 357-3132. The unit treats STD's from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no requirements to be treated for an STD or to receive a pregnancy test.

The Crisis pregnancy Center can be reached at (318) 357-8888

Keeping it under wraps



STEPHANIE DANBY
SAUCE REPORTER

Two students lie, side-by-side, on a sofa in the Student Union lounge.

The guy leans in and softly kisses the girl on the lips.

He kisses her again and again, until what began as an innocent closed-mouth peck has now evolved into an open-mouth pucker-of-passion.

Just as their two shadows are about to combine into one, they are interrupted by an older woman who sternly orders them off of one another.

Surprised by the woman's aggression, the couple quickly separate, gather their books, and leave the lounge.

As the woman watches the "hopes of the future" walk from the lounge she whispers, "My, how times have changed."

Once upon a time, many years ago, the University had modesty rules and regulations that were strictly enforced.

For instance, under no circumstance were males allowed to females dorm rooms and vice versa. The two of you could sit and visit with each other in the dorm lobby under strict supervision, but that was as far as it was allowed to go.

Girls were not allowed to wear shorts, not even in gym class. If they were in P.E., the only way they could wear shorts was if they wore a long raincoat to cover them.

And all public displays of affection were absolutely forbidden, including holding hands.

Although the rules at that time seemed impossible to bend, there were a couple of students who managed to get around them.

"When I was in college here, if the female students wanted to leave the campus they could sign-out [of dorms] in the library to 'go study'," President Randall J. Webb said. "So, a lot of us spent a great deal of time at the library during the week."

"Sometimes we'd say we were going to the library to study, but sign-out and go driving with our boyfriend instead," 'Dootsie' McNeely, secretary of the Department of Journalism, said.

Now-a-days, PDA is everywhere. One can see kissing mouths, hugging arms, groping palms, and even full body contact in any city, on any street, in every school. But have displays of affection really changed that much or is it simply not monitored as strictly?

"College students have a little bit more freedom now, and a lot of students on campus take full advantage of that," David Antilley, director of News 22, said.

"PDA is worse now than ever," Allissa Ohmer, sophomore Hospitality Management & Tourism major, said. "It's disgusting, and I think some people do it just to draw attention to themselves."

"I find that the students here are very self-restrained," Don Hatley, Dean of Liberal Arts, said. "Never, not just almost never, but I never see a display of affection that I think is inappropriate."

So, exactly what kind of PDA is appropriate?

"I think there are different degrees of acceptable public displays of affection," Rick Rodriguez, freshman Radiological Technology major, said. "Holding hands, hugging, and brief kisses are okay in public. Everything else should be kept anywhere behind closed doors."

"I think your morals should tell you what's appropriate and what's not," Kris Roy, junior Computer Information Systems major, said.

With the change of time, naturally, people's feelings are expected to change as well. We slowly become more acceptant of the unacceptable and more lenient with our rules. However, this isn't the case when it comes to people's feelings about witnessing public displays of affection.

"If I'm eating and I see someone making out, I'm gonna puke," Kris Roy said.

"It looks like four-play, and I don't care to watch," Charlie Bailey, senior Biology major, said.

"If I wouldn't be comfortable doing it in front of my parents, than I won't do it in front of other people," Jamie Evans, junior Early Childhood Education major, said.

On the flip side of the coin, a select few aren't bothered in the least by affection in public.

"If you don't like it, don't look," Jason Everage, junior Business major, said.

But not everyone finds that to be a solution to the problem.

A majority of the students interviewed found public display of affection difficult to ignore because it's everywhere they look.

According to a student survey, the top five "lovin' locations" are:

5. In the hallways
4. On the steps of Kyser Hall
3. In the Student Union's lounge
2. In Le Rendezvous
1. Along Cane River Lake where couples like to "study" together.

It seems that students are becoming more and more aware of public displays of affection, while their professors rarely ever notice.

Naturally, it could be that because, in most cases, the only time professors see most of their students is in the classroom. Because most professors rarely get the chance to witness their students in their "natural environment" (outside of the classroom), they rarely ever notice an inappropriate act of affection.

According to Dean Hatley, another reason why professors don't see as much public display is a result of the greater opportunity for "private display."

The fact of the matter is that the opportunity for privacy is there, and to the couples who take advantage of it.....thank you - on behalf of the majority of the student body. For the couples who's issues are not privacy, but puberty -my advice is to K.I.S.S. (Keep It Short and Sweet).

Arts & Entertainment

The legend of Billie Holiday

Karly Pierre
Sauce Reporter

A sad lonely voice whines across a crowded smoke filled club. A lady stands center stage in a pool of white light with a gardenia tucked behind her ear. She sings of hopeless romances, abuse and all the ugliness she sees in the world, but the only thing the audience sees is her beautiful face.

Holiday

Billie Holiday brought a unique sound to jazz. She was the voice of the forgotten. She sang to the beggar on the street and the prostitute on the corner. "Lady Day", as she was so lovingly named by the boys in her band, was a woman for the people. Four decades after her death the people are still listening.

Born Eleanora Fagan to Clarence Holiday and Sally Fagan in 1915 in Baltimore, the world was cruel to Billie from the start. Her father, a guitarist, left when she was a baby. Her mother later abandoned Billie to relatives. At 6-years-old, she was blamed for the death of her grandmother. At the age of 11, she was raped. She worked as an errand-girl in a whorehouse in Philadelphia. She later became a prostitute in New York.

When she wasn't busy with one of her customers, she listened to Bessie Smith and Louis Armstrong in the bordello and tried to imitate them. One night she convinced a club manager to let her sing with the house band. Fate was kind. Soon John Hammond discovered Billie in a Harlem club and he got her a gig recording with Benny Goodman in 1933.

She later joined up with a band led by Teddy Wilson and found her sound. She went on to sing with some of the most talented musicians in the business like Count Basie, Lester Young, Buck Clayton, Artie Shaw and Louis Armstrong, to name a few. She was successful. She had a new life and a new name to prove it.

However, the pain of the old life lingered in her music. "Strange Fruit" recorded in 1939 protested lynching and racism in the South. That same year she recorded "God Bless the Child" (her signature song) that spoke of life's tribulations. Success after success. Hit after hit. Then the angel fell.

She had three unsuccessful abusive marriages. She used heroine, all the time. In 1947, she was arrested for the possession of narcotics and served eight months in prison. After a successful European tour, she was again arrested in 1954 on drug charges. Her voice began to fade along with her looks. She went to a clinic. It did not help.

She died on July 17, 1959.

"Cinderella" begins October 5th

The NSU Theatre will begin its Millennium Season with the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "Cinderella" Oct. 5-6 and 8-10 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Show time is 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 5-6 and 8-9 and 2 p.m. on Oct. 10.

The musical is one of four plays that will celebrate different aspects of the millennium. "Cinderella" will celebrate "The Millennium of the Imagination."

The cast for "Cinderella" has been announced by director Dr. Jack Wann with Shelley Colvin of Winnfield playing the lead role of Cinderella. Guy Davis of Baton Rouge will play the Prince. Jena Westbrook of Broken Bow, Okla. will be the Stepmother with Sabrina Plaisance of Morgan City will have the role of Portia and Annie Fackler of Lafayette will be Joy.

The part of the Godmother will be played by Darcy Malone of New Orleans and Laura West of Cottonport will be the Queen.

Also in the cast will be Jordan Paul of Cincinnati as the Herald, Colin Trahan of Covington as the King, Correy West of Lewisville, Texas as Luigi, the Steward and Adam Gage of Orange, Texas as Pierre the Chef.

Other members of the cast include Sheera Merrill of Coushatta as Grandma, Dana Duhon of Abbeville as a sloppy teenager, Jennifer Kegerreis of Pineville as a daughter, Erin Tatum of Shreveport as a mother, Crystal Francis of DePort, Texas as a second mother and Carin Link of Covington as a younger sister.

Also earning roles are Bob Moses of Fort Smith, Ark. as the sanctimonious preacher, James Palmer of Mansfield as both the harried father and bribed footman and Micheal J. Ward of Gainesville, Ga. as the pompous, stout dancer.

Kayla LeMaire of Natchitoches is the assistant director. Abe Mourning of New Orleans is the stage manager and Peter Wright of Montgomery is the assistant stage manager.

For ticket information call (318) 357-6891.

"Spirit of Northwestern" largest band in school history

Northwestern State University's "Spirit of Northwestern" Marching Band will have a new look to go with the same sound that has made the band one of the best in the South.

This year's band, under the direction of Bill Brent, is the largest in NSU history with 300 members. Ken Green is associate director and Jeff Mathews is assistant director.

"The new freshmen are a great addition to the band," said Covana Simon, a junior music education major from Frierson who plays piccolo. "They have some great players and that makes us better."

Band participation isn't limited to music majors. Students with 27 different majors participate in the band. Music is the most common major, followed by biology/premed.

"Taking part in the band is a great experience for me," said Simon, who would like to be a high school band director. "I watch and learn from Mr. Brent and the others. It gives me an idea of what I will need to do when I am a band director."

The band has the largest freshman class with 120 first-year students joining the program.

"So far, this has been a great experience for me. It has been what I expected," said Amos Williams, a freshman business administration/accounting major from DeRidder. "The upperclassmen have given me a good example that makes me want to try a little harder."

The "Spirit of Northwestern" will perform at all NSU home games and travel to road games at Southern Mississippi and McNeese. Band members agree that they get the most enjoyment out of their performances at Demon football games.

And there has been plenty to enjoy the last two seasons as NSU has won back-to-back Southland Football League championships and advanced to the Division I-AA semifinals.

"You really get a rush out of it. You get really pumped up," said Corey Candler, a pre-pharmacy/vocal performance major from Keithville. "The football team appreciates what we do, and that means a lot. At most places they don't even acknowledge you."

But NSU football coach Sam Goodwin is glad to have the band behind him.

"The band is among the biggest supporters we have," said Goodwin. "They not only play well, but are very vocal in their support of the team. I've never been at a place including the University of Arkansas that has a better band.

"I wish they were able to go to all of our road games. We have a lot of pride in our fight song and when you go out on the field in a hostile environment and you hear the fight song, it takes some of the edge off."

Demon players are also quick to let the band members know how they feel about them.

"I've been in classes with players and when they find out I'm in the band, they tell me they wish they could sneak out of the locker room to hear us," said Louis Hollins, a senior music administration major from Many. "That makes us feel good and want to perform even better."

The band will sport new uniforms featuring sparkling silver as well as a "summer" uniform consisting of purple shorts, white band shirt and baseball style cap. The drum line will appear with new percussion equipment also sporting the silver finish. The uniforms were designed and constructed by the Sol Frank/Fechheimer Uniform Co. of San Antonio at a cost of approximately $118,000.

"Having the new uniforms will be great for us," said Candler. "It makes you feel good to look your best. And it lets us know we are supported in what we do."

This year's show music includes: "A Stevie Wonder Show," "A Millennium Show" featuring music from throughout the past century and a Latin show with music from the motion picture "Mambo Kings."

"We will be doing programs that are challenging for us, but those are fun to do. We like doing new music that is difficult," said Lea Ann McFarlin, a sophomore marketing/business administration major from Dallas. "Most of us play at a high level and like to have a chance to show off."

The Northwestern program has drawn band members from 47 different high schools in four states.

"I enjoy playing even though it's not what I'm majoring in," said McFarlin. "It's a great stress reliever."

The "Spirit of Northwestern" will also perform at the Hahnville-Ponchatoula game on Sept. 10, the DeRidder Marching Contest on Oct. 16 and in the Natchitoches Christmas Festival Parade on Dec. 4.

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Weekend's Top movies

According to studio estimates released Monday, Blue Streak, Martin Lawrence's new buddy cop comedy, was the hot ticket at the nation's theaters over the weekend, ringing up sales of approximately $19.2 million.

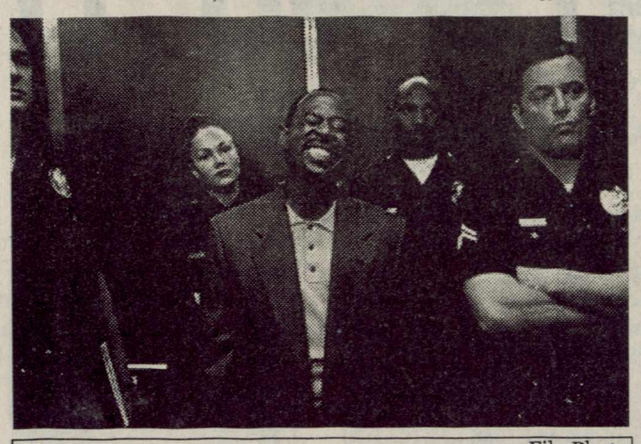
That was more than enough to beat the weekend's other major new release, Kevin Costner's swoony baseball flick For Love of the Game , which grossed an estimated $14 million to steal second place.

In spite of their solid opening totals, however, neither Streak nor Game put up the kind of numbers registered by DreamWorks' buzz-heavy American Beauty. Playing on a mere 16 screens, the darkly satiric drama scored a No. 11 finish and raked in approximately $841,000, giving it a muscular per-screen average just north of $52,000.

By comparison, Streak's per-screen average was about $7,000, while that of game was in the ballpark of $5,000.

Third place overall went to The Sixth Sense, still going strong after seven weekends in theaters, which posted ticket sales of approximately $11.2 million.

The thriller surpassed Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me to become the second-highest-grossing film released this year, but would need to double it's gross to pass up The Phantom Menace.



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Martin Lawrence stars in Blue Streak, a comedy about a jewel theif posing as a detective. The film placed first at the box office in its first weekend.

Stigmata fell to the No. 4 spot, taking in only $9 million after last weekend's opening gross of $19.3 million.

Kevin Bacon's Stir of Echoes rounded out the top five, with a weekend total of $3.9 million. Julia Roberts' Runaway Bride, The Thomas Crown Affair, Bowfinger, The Thirteenth Warrior and Mickey Blue Eyes claimed the remainder of the top ten box office spots over weekend.

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The Crusher says,
"Grunion Beware."

From the editor

All students are encouraged to attend the speaker series sponsored by the Student Activities office.

This month's speaker, James Malinchak, is an associate editor for some of the famed *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series.

The purpose of the speakers series is to not only expose you to many different views, but also as many different success stories as posssible.

Somewhere I read that we will be the same people ten years from now except for two things. The first is the books you have read. The second is the people you hang out with.

This is something I have not only heard, but I believe.

Regardless of what you want to do, you should expose yourself to opportunities such as this one.

Malinchak will be at the University this Wednesday at 7pm in the Student Union.

For more information, call Mr. Henry's office at 357-4501.

Other than that, I am too tired to write about how rude and 'cocky' the new **K**nights of **A**lcohol are to everday students walking to class.

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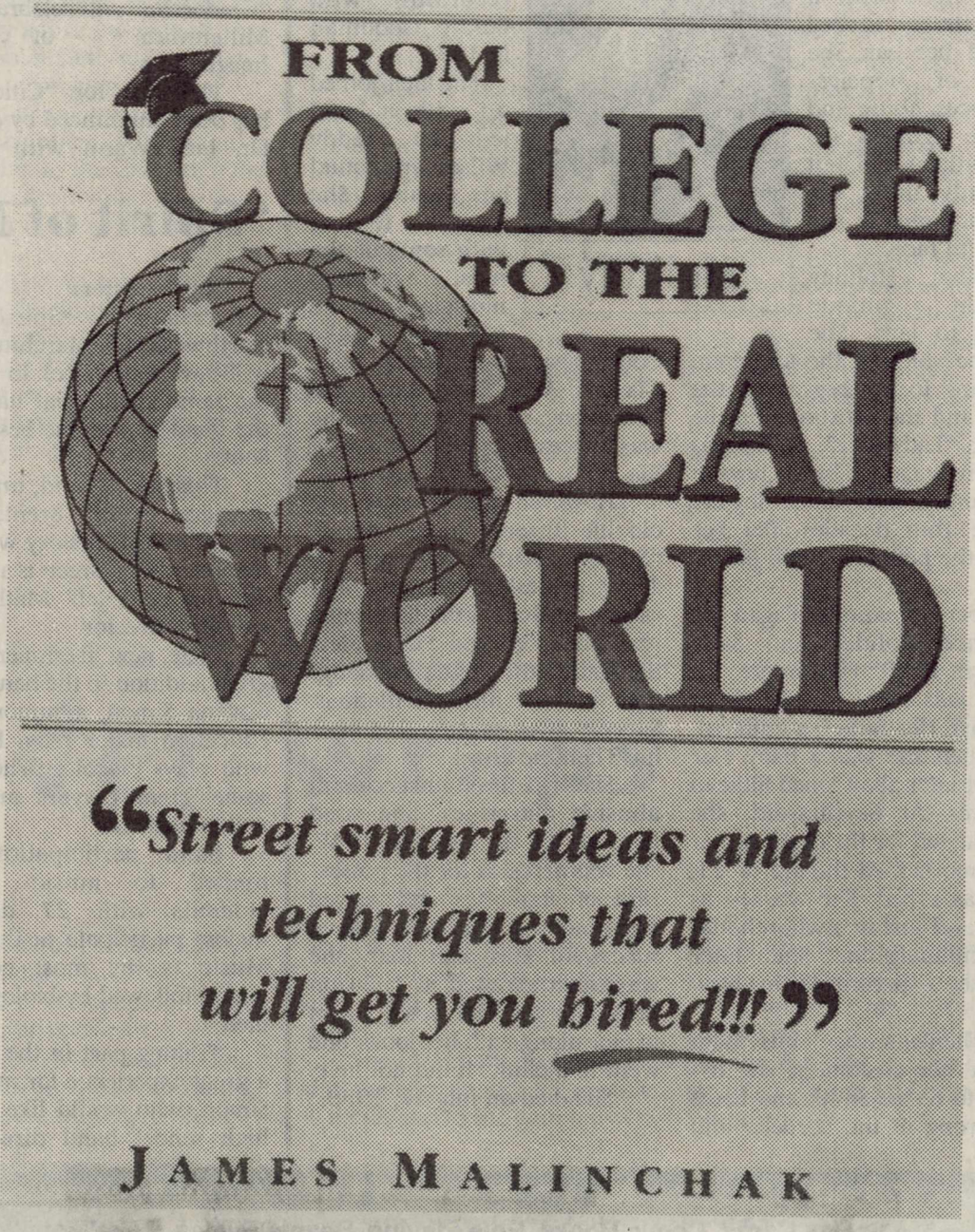

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Letters to the Editor

Three years of hole enough

I am happy to see the prompt work on the parking lot construction and on sidewalks around campus to make them more handicap accessible. The sidewalks near Varnado that were tore up because of the parking lot construction have already been repaired.

This hasn't always been the case on campus. Three years ago, the sidewalks in front of Boozman were tore up to work on a pipe underneath them. The work was done, the dirt filled back in, but the sidewalks still have not been replaced. The front steps lead down to a patch of red clay that becomes a mudhole every time it rains. The sidewalk that would end at the handicapped parking space actually ends about three or four feet away from the parking space with grass growing where cement should be. Another sidewalk that would connect the parking lot to Caspari Street also has a dirt-patch gap.

Maybe we Boozman residents should just ask the construction workers on the parking lots if they could spare some concrete and repair this oversight of three years and counting. Especially since it doesn't look like the University is going to get around to it anytime soon.

Kindra Coates

Boozman Resident

Student disturbed by hallway etiquette

It's Friday morning, and you're taking an exam in room 333 of Kyser Hall. As you begin the endless amount of essay questions, you hear a group of people (using that term generously) begin to talk and curse loudly right by the door.

The large silver vents are providing a megaphone for their slurred obscenities. Not being able to concentrate, you look around at the other sixty exasperated faces who are glaring at the poor graduate student up front.

He leaves the room to peacefully confront the students and asks them to speak more quietly. As soon as he gets back into the classroom, they begin to talk louder.

Some of their harsh language is directed toward the graduate student; some of it is directed toward you and the other test-takers. Knowing that you haven't imposed any hardships on these people outside, you're wondering why they would want to act this way toward you.

How many of you have been in this situation, or one similar to it? Whose rights are more important?

The uncouth group yelling in the hallway claimed, "We gots rights to be up in here!" But don't you have a right to take an exam in a room without those distractions?

When someone sits next to you in class and talks or disrupts the lecture, the professor handles the situation. But with the growing number of unruly, inconsiderate students, who should be the "professor" of Kyser Hall?

There are many other places on campus to visit and socialize with your friends. The Aramark staff should be commended for immaculately cleaning the Student Union after slovenly students have camped out there all day. If you choose to study in the Union and are disturbed, you would move to another table or place. But when someone is disturbing your classroom, where do you go?

Please just remember that the library, computer labs, and hallways aren't places to hang out with your friends. The dorms have lounges, and the Student Union exists primarily for this reason.

Shannon M. Gayer

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Margaret "Bess" Vincent

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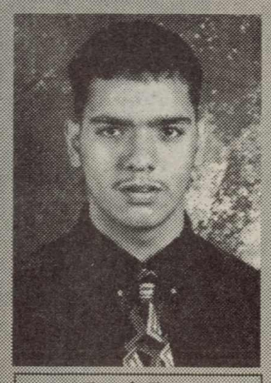

Frank Toro

As a senator, I hope to help the student body to the upmost of my ability. By making educated decisions on all matters, I am confronted with. During my term, I would like to see increased morale in the student body and a growth in student interest in school activities.

Leanna Anderson

My name is Leanna Kay Anderson. I am a sophomore and majoring in Political Science. I love being involved and participating in making decisions to better my education and the education of my peers. I would be helpful in the Student Government Association because I am a strong willed person.
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Each class chooses two of the candidates for their respective class and two of the candidates for the at large positions.

Congratulations to Jamie Hughes and Matt Comeaux. They are the new Senior class senators.

If you live in Natchitoches, you can register to vote in civic elections on campus. Call 357-4501.

SENATOR AT LARGE

Charles Penrod

My first and foremost concern as SGA Senator-at-large will be to respond to the students' issues. Of these issues, my primary focus will be to either ammend or replace our current system of fee payment. In addition to this, I promise to address any other complaints and inconvienences that arise.

Sametria Samuels

My goal as Senator-at-large is to introduce and pass legislation that will benefit the student body. The legislation should better the environment of NSU. I'm willing to abide by the SGA constitution and by-laws. My position is not to benefit myself, but to benefit everyone that I serve.

Sara "Britt" Ulmer

I am running for a senate position in the student government, because I would like an opportunity to help improve different aspects of the university and to help uphold its values and traditions. I believe that my past experiences in holding offices in student governments and organizations have given me strong qualities that will enable me to handle the duties of a senator in a professional and efficient manner.

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FRESHMEN CLASS SENATOR

Sharon Tohline

Throughout high school I sat back and watched the SGA and how it worked without ever taking actions of my own to get into office or on a committee to make my ideas heard. I want to get a better start at NSU and get involved in student government.

Alexander Carl Billioux

I will do my best to represent the freshman class in setting a tradition of leadership that can follow our class until our senior year when we will become the leaders of a new generation of NSU students.
Photo not available

Quincy Dee Spencer

The goal of the SGA is to serve as the "voice of the students." As a freshmen senator, I will make sure that voices are heard and needs are met. I will work to the best of my ability to serve with strength, intelligence, and maturity within the freshmen class.
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Shymika Stephenson

The Student Government Association is a well-known organization that affects the university life of students. If elected class senator, I will be devoted to the needs to every individual.

JUNIOR CLASS SENATORS

Class Senator

Change is a process. The process begins now. Cast your vote for the present and future of Northwestern. Bridging the gap a true vision.

Rusty Broussard

I want to serve NSU just as I have before. I am always here to help and to hear the voice of the students of this great university. I am currently Commissioner of External Affairs, and last spring I was awarded Senator of the Year. The senate has recognized my leadership skills and has awarded me so. Elect me, so I can continue to serve this university.
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John Michael McConnell

My name is John Michael McConnell. I believe that I am qualified for this position because I served as a SGA senator before. I have been an officer and delegate in IFC for the past two years and served as an officer of Kappa Alpha Order. I am a junior accounting major with a minor in political science.
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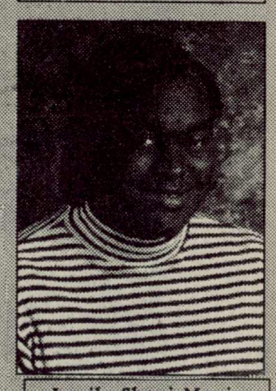


Jamila Shani Maxie

I desire the position to rpresent the voice of the students. I want to be an active, contributing member of the board that governs many of the policies that affect the student body. This position also grants me the opportunity to introduce legislation and ideas that voice the concerns of my peers and myself.

VOTE
SEPT. 22 & 23
from 8-4 in the
Student Union.

You must bring
idetification.

STUDENT ELECTIONS '99

IMPORTANT

Elections will be Wednesday the 22 and Thursday the 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Student Union.

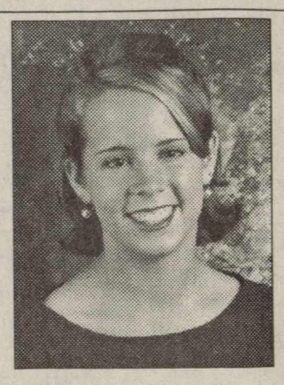
You must bring identification.

NO campaigning within fifty feet of the voting area.

Any candidates caught campaigning for HONOR COURT positions will be removed from the ballot.

Student Elections is a service provided by the Student Government Association.

MRS. NSU



Emily Tracy

Student Organizations and Activities
Student Activities Board
Secretary-Fall 1999
Parliamentarian-Spring 1999
Special Events Chairman-1998-1999
Representative-at-Large-1997-1998
Student Government Association
Senator-at-Large-1996, 1997
Council on Student Government Association Delegate-1997
Freshman Connector-1998, 1999
Purple Jackets-1998-present
Gavel Club-1997-1998
Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line-1996
NSU Yell Leader-1995
Demon Bat Girls-1995, 1996
Student Alumni Association-1995, 1996
Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority
Ritual Chairman-1999
Bid Day Chairman-1998, 1999
Social Chairman-1996, 1999
Assistant to the Vice President-1998
Alumnae Relations Chairman-1998
Christmas Dance Chairman-1998
Intramural Chairman-1997
Crew Captain (New Member Education Program)-1996, 1997
Valentine's Dance Chairman-1997
Special Occasions Chairman-1996
National Panhellenic Association
President-1997
Southeastern Panhellenic Conference Voting Delegate-1997
Rush Counselor-1997
Senior Delegate-1996
Service Chairman-1996
Junior Delegate 1995, 1996
Louisiana Area Coordinator-Southeastern Panhellenic Conference-1998
Program Recognition Chairman-1998
Coordinator-The "Great Greek Smokeout" with Lowe's-1997
Coordinator-Cane River Children's Home Big Sis/Lil Sis Program-1996,1997
Coordinator-Miss USA Dessert Reception-Spring 1997
National Order of Omega
President-1999
Service Committee-1998, 1999
Secretary-Fall 1998
Demons Come Out at Night Pep Rally Chairman-1998
Greek Council-1999
Greek 1010 Facilitator-1997
Lead Facilitator-1998
Undergraduates of Interfraternal Institute, Graduate-1998

Campus Service
Students Helping Students-1998-1999
University Committee on Organizations Member-Fall 1996

Honors
National Panhellenic Conference Outstanding Philanthropy Award-1997
Panhellenic Woman of the Year-1997
Northwestern State University Homecoming Court-1997, 1998
Presidential Honors Scholarship-1995 to present
Dean's List-1 semester
Honor List-2 semester
Lucille Hendrick Panhellenic Award Scholarship-1998
Sigma Sigma Sigma National Foundation Scholarship-1998
Sigma Sigma Sigma of the Week-1998
Greek Woman of the Year-1999
Sigma Sigma Sigma Outstanding Senior of the Area Award Nominee-1999
Who's Who Nominee-1999
Presidential Leadership Program-1995-1996

Rashunda Sims

Student Organizations and Activities
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
President
National Order of Omega
Treasurer
National Pan-Hellenic Council
Public Relations Chairman
Demon Sweethearts
Greek Council
Purple Jackets
Freshman Connector-2 years

Campus Service
Students Helping Students-3 years
Peer Educators with NSU Infirmary
Coordinator-Clothes Drive in Sabine Residence Hall

Honors
Presidential Honors
Louisiana Scholars' College

Angelique Duhon

Student Organizations and Activities
Blue Key National Honor Fraternity-1998, 1999
Purple Jackets-1998, 1999
National Order of Omega-1998, 1999
Halloween Carnival Chairman-1999
Greek Council-1998, 1999
Student Government Association-1996-1999
Vice President-1998-1999
Speaker of the Senate-1998
Senator-at-Large-1999
Sophomore Class Senator-1997
Freshman Class Senator-1996
Academic Affairs Committee Chairman-1996
Student Affairs Committee Chairman-1997
Conference of Student Body Associations-1998
Louisiana's Vice President's Committee
Conference of Student Government Associations Delegate-1997, 1998
Panhellenic Association
President-1998
Rho Chi-1998
Secretary-1997
Social Chairman-1997
Panhellenic Progressive Party Chairman-1998
Southeastern Panhellenic Conference Delegate-1997, 1998, 1999
Louisiana Coordinator-1999
Phi Mu Fraternity
President-1999
Ritual Chairman-1998
Sisterhood Chairman-1997
Public Relations Committee-1996, 1997
Rush Party Head-1997
Louisiana Representative National Phi Mu President-1999
State Day Delegate-2 years
Leadership Conference Delegate-1999
Greek 1010 Facilitator-1997, 1998
Freshman Connector-1998, 1999
Undergraduates of Interfraternal Institute, Graduate-1998

Campus Service
NSU Traffic and Safety Committee-1998
NSU Committee on Organizations-1999
Students Helping Students-1997, 1998, 1999

Honors
President's List-4 semesters
Dean's List-2 semesters
Alpha Lambda Delta-1996
Presidential Leadership Program-1996
NSU Outstanding Student Award-1996-1999
Phi Mu 4.0 Scholarship Award-1996, 1997, 1998
ArkLaTex Scholarship Award-1996
Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship Award-1997, 1998
Order of Omega Academic Award-1996, 1997, 1998
Homecoming Court-1998
Who's Who Nominee-1999
Purple Jackets Scholarship Award for Highest GPA-1998
Panhellenic Woman of the Year-1998
Phi Mu New Member of the Year-1996
Phi Mu Active Member of the Year-1999
Gamma Sigma Alpha-1998, 1999

STUDENT ELECTIONS '99

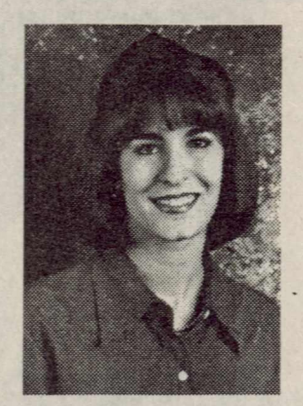
HOMECOMING

Andi Airhart

Casey Ashley

Khakillya Babers

Erin Brown


Caron Chester

April Daigle

Virginia Dixon

Angelique Duhon

Mary Lea Howe

Tasha Jackson

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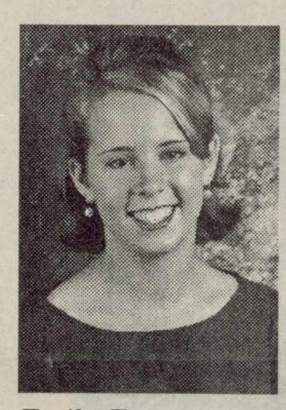
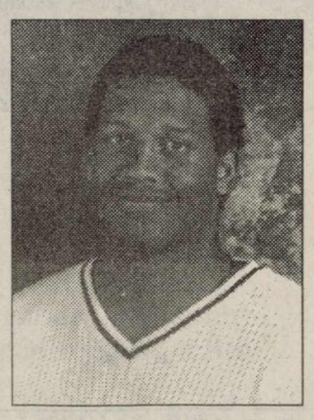
Rashunda Sims


Emily Tracy

LaQuinta Washington


William Broussard

Student Organizations and Activities
Freshman Connector-1998, 1999 (Volunteer)
Blue Key National Honor Fraternity
NSU Varsity Football Player
- Host for prospective players
- Player Panel
- NSU Representative for Southland Conference Football Tour
- Co-Host of "Demon Spotlight" of "Talk Back Natchitoches"

NSU Demon Deacon-1997, 1998, 1999

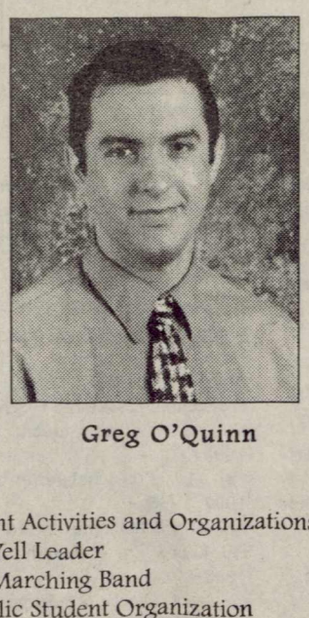
Fellowship of Christian Athletes-1996 to present
- President-1998-1999
- Campus Outreach

Catholic Student Organization

Campus Service
Master of Ceremonies for NSU's Senior and Junior Days

Honors
Dean's List-Scholars' College-4 semesters
Honor's List-Scholars' College-2 semesters
Academic All-District-1998
5-time Academic All-Conference
Academic All-American-1998
2nd Team All-Louisiana, All-Conference, and All-American-Demon Football
1st Team Pre-Season All-American-Demon Football-1999
Rhodes Scholarship Candidate
Burger King Scholar Athlete Award Winner
- $10,000 grant to NSU in the name of William Broussard

Featured in July/August edition of New Man Christian Magazine and the October issue of FCA's
Victory Magazine as a student athlete representing NSU.


Greg O'Quinn

Student Activities and Organizations
NSU Yell Leader
NSU Marching Band
Catholic Student Organization
Circle K International

ACS/SPS
Mu Epsilon Delta
- Secretary

Scholars' College Forum
Interfraternity Council
- Alternate Delegate
- Rho Alpha Rush Counselor

Greek 1010 Facilitator
Sigma Nu Fraternity
- Treasurer
- Service Chairman
- Scholarship Chairman

Student Activities Board
- Vice-President
- Service Learning Chairman
- Representative-at-Large

Honors
NASA/JOVE Program Scholarship Recipient

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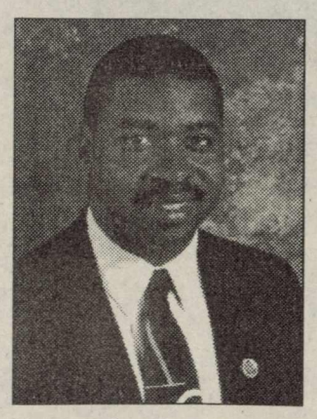

Clarence Frank

Student Organizations and Activities
Theta Chi Fraternity
- Risk Manager-1997-1998
- Secretary-1998-1999
- Rush Chairman-1999 to present

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
- Music Director-1997-1999

Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band
- Section Leader-1996 to present

Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra
- Principal Cellist-1994 to present

NSU String Quartet-1996-1999
NSU Concert Choir

NSU Chamber Choir
Baptist Student Union
- Family Group Leader-1995
- Inner Peace-1994-1997

Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Huddle Group Leader-1998

National Order of Omega
- Secretary-1999

Student Activities Board
- Representative-1997-1998
- Campus Trends Chairman-1998-1999

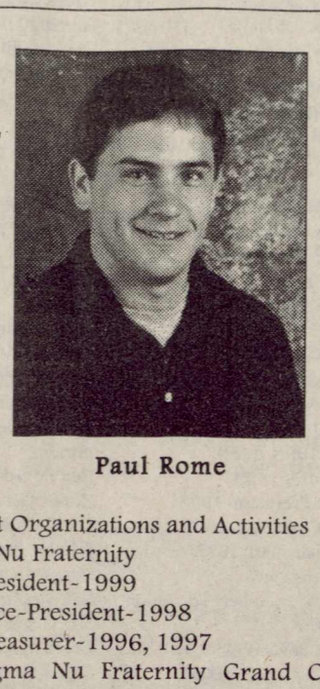
Freshman Connector-1996, 1997
- Administrative Assistant-1998, 1999

Undergraduates of Interfraternal Institute
Delegate-1998
- Intern-1999

Campus Service
SGA Election Board-1995

Honors
Phi Mu Alpha Golden Lyre Award-1998
Phi Mu Alpha Clyde Bostick, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Recipient-1998
Theta Chi Highly Selective Initiative National Program
- Outstanding New Member Award
- National Presidential Scholar Award

Sigma Sigma Sigma Panel of Distinguished Gentlemen
Sigma Alpha Iota Beau-1999


Paul Rome

Student Organizations and Activities
Sigma Nu Fraternity
- President-1999
- Vice-President-1998
- Treasurer-1996, 1997
- Sigma Nu Fraternity Grand Chapter Convention Delegate
- Sigma Nu National LEAD Facilitator

Student Government Association
- Vice-President-Summer 1999 to present
- Fiscal Affairs Chairman-1998-1999
- Club Sports Chairman-Spring 1998
- Conference of Student Body Associations Delegate

Student Activities Board
- Representative-at-Large-1996-1997

Interfraternity Council
- Senior Delegate-1996-1997

Campus Service
NSU Committee on Organizations
NSU Traffic and Safety Committee

Honors
Mr. Sigma Nu-1997-1998, 1998-1999
Presidential Honors Scholarship
Academic Excellence Scholarship

Tickets on sale for ULM football game

SPORTS INFORMATION

Tickets are on sale at the Northwestern State athletic department for seating in the NSU section at the upcoming football game in Monroe against Louisiana-Monroe, formerly Northeast Louisiana University.

The NSU athletic department has a block of 300 tickets at $12 each for the 7 p.m. game at Malone Stadium on Saturday.

"We will be billed for any tickets we don't sell, and we know that far more than 300 Demon fans will be at the game," said NSU athletic director Greg Burke. "We're asking our supporters to get their tickets here, not up there on game day. Buying tickets here assures seating in the NSU section for what will be a great event."

For ticket information, call the athletic department at 357-5251.

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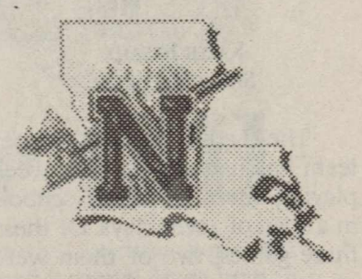
6 p.m.



DEMONS SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Sept. 21st
Volleyball
ULM,
7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd
Soccer vs.
SFA
7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24th
Volleyball@
UTA,
7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25th
Soccer
TEXAS TECH,
1 p.m.

Football@
ULM,
6 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 27
Soccer SLU,
1 p.m.

Cross Country@SFA Invitational, 4 p.m.

@ Denotes Away Games.

ALL CAPS Denotes Home Games

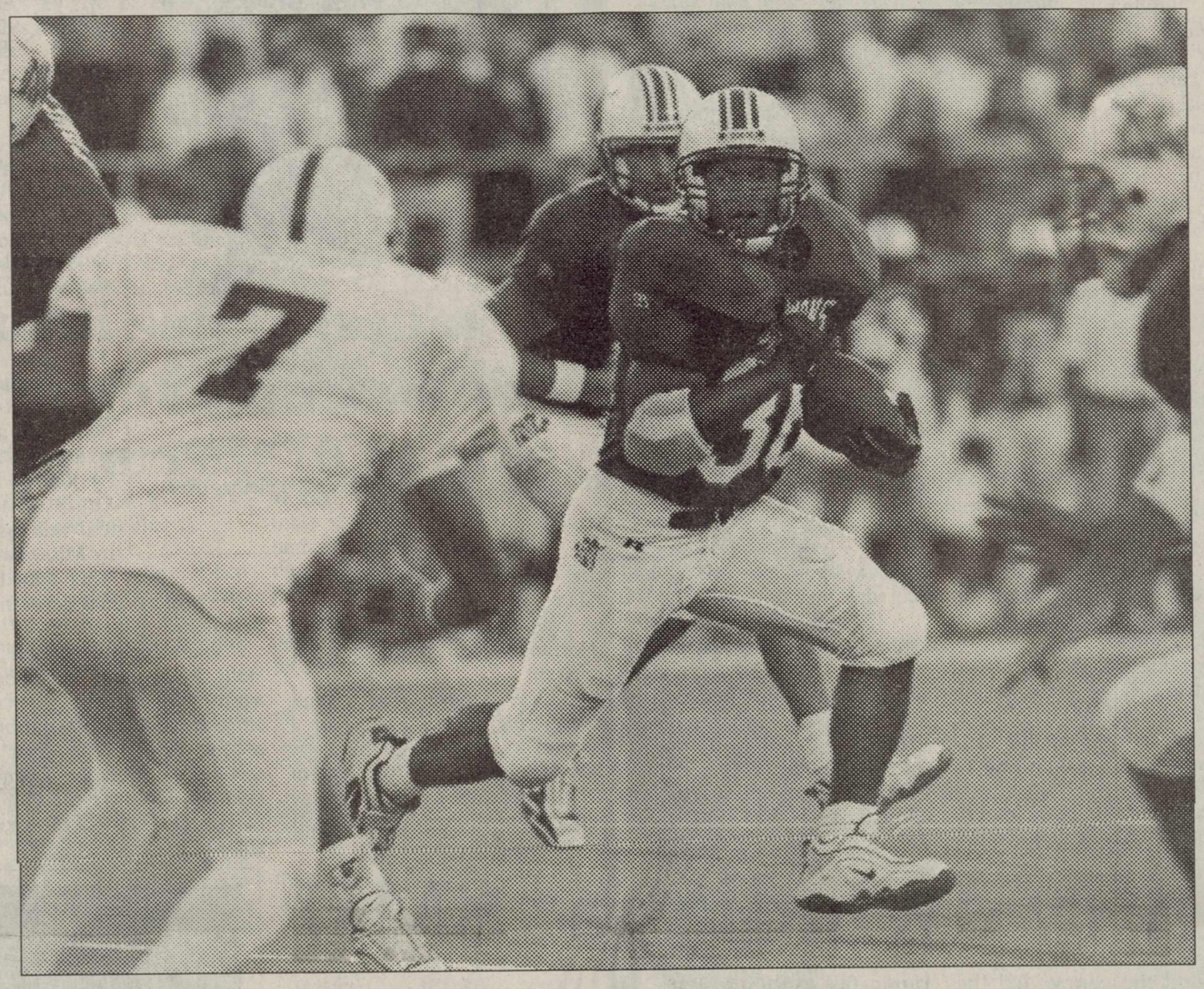


photo by Heath Crawford

Tony Taylor rushes for 116 yards on 11 carries in one quarter in Saturday's win over Tarleton State. Taylor also acquired three touchdowns during Saturday's game.

Demons oust Tarleton

Football score on first nine possessions

CADE BRUMLEY
SAUCE REPORTER

Tailback Tony Taylor rushes for 116 yards in the first quarter as the NSU football Demons beat the Tarleton State Texans 52-6 Saturday night at Turpin Stadium.

"I thought we played a complete ballgame," says NSU head football coach Sam Goodwin regarding his team's effort.

Goodwin's statement was certainly true as his Demons scored five first quarter touchdowns and set the tone for the game. Quarterbacks Aubrey Jones and Bo Meeks combined for 255 yards through the air as they split time in the home opener.

Demons 52
Tarleton 6

As the air-attack was working it's magic, the rushing game also did it's part as they ran for 230 yards off 39 carries.

The Demons found a gift Saturday night in Jeremy McCullough. McCullough moved from fullback to tight end to start the game. Goodwin was confident in moving McCullough, with the progress made by new tight end Davin White.

"He looked good (at fullback) from day one," said Goodwin concerning the moving of McCullough.

McCullough, who averaged 24 yards a carry, likes his new role with the team. With softer hands, better speed, and a larger body, he thinks he can help the team at his new spot.

"I love it," voiced McCullough speaking of his new position.

At the end of the half, and 52 points later, the Demon's offensive attack was over. Goodwin was able to give his younger players some experience in the later stages of the game. If needed, down the road, these reserves will be ready due to this exposure.

"We went out today and executed," stated starting quarterback Jones. Knowing that when Brad Spangler recovers from his injury he will probably start, Jones is glad to get some experience.

Jones also thinks that by splitting time with Meeks, it will boost their confidence.

Due to a hip injury, Demon sophomore kicker Clint Sanford had to sit the game out. This allowed true freshmen, Justin Hebert to get some playing time. Hebert made the best of his chance, converting on seven extra point attempts and nailing a 26-yard field goal.

The Demon defense put a stop to the Texans' drives, holding them to only two field goals throughout the game. This is due in part to three sacks of Tarleton's quarterback Steve Kelly. Also, Kelly threw an interception into the hands of a Demon defender.

The Demons were able to capitalize off this in the form of a McCullough 30-yard touchdown run.

"We got a lot out of this game," states leading rusher Taylor.

The Demons saw they can be effective if they produce. This game is a moral booster for the Demons coming off two losses to Southern of Baton Rouge and Southern Mississippi. The NSU Demons came out in front of 14,446 fans and took care of business.

They will get the opportunity to follow up this outstanding performance next week as they take on the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Northwestern St. (1-2) vs. Tarleton St. (1-2) at Natchitoches, LA

Score by quarters

TSU	0	3	3	0	- 6
NSU	35	17	0	0	- 52

Yardstick

	TSU	NSU
First Downs	15	21
Rushing Attempts/Yds.	42/152	39/230
Passes (A-C-I)	19-9-1	20-13-0
Passing Yards	86	255
Total Offensive Yards	238	485
Punts/Avg.	7/36.9	3/43.7
Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	4/3	0/0
Penalties/ Yds.	11/81	11/123
Sacks/Yds.	1/11	3/18
Possession Time	29:58	30:02

BRIEFS

Big Mac continue homer streak

St. Louis Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire hit his 59th homer Monday night, breaking up a bid for a perfect game by Jon Lieber of the Chicago Cubs with two outs in the seventh inning.

McGwire's homer moved him within two of Sammy Sosa for the major-league lead. McGwire, who hit 70 homers last season to beat Sosa by four, broke his own record of 128 for most homers in two seasons. He now has 129, combining this season and last.

Lieber had retired the first 20 batters when McGwire hit an 0-1 pitch over the fence in center field.

Anderson sets out with sprain knee

Atlanta running back Jamal Anderson, who led the NFC in rushing last year while helping the Falcons reach the Super Bowl, sprained his right knee midway through the first quarter Monday night against Dallas.

On a handoff, Anderson planted hard on his right foot and cut left. He went down immediately without being hit and was grabbing his knee by the time he hit the artificial turf of Texas Stadium.

Anderson limped to the sidelines and laid down next to the bench while being examined. Soon after, he limped to the locker room. The team said he wouldn't return.

Tenn. and Wisconsin faces majors drops in polls

Defending national champion Tennessee and Wisconsin both tumbled and four teams entered the rankings in the latest USA TODAY/ESPN Coaches' Top 25 Poll.

Top-ranked Florida State (3-0) received 50 of 59 possible first-place votes, followed by Penn State (4-0) with six and Florida (3-0) with three.

The Vols (1-1), who lost to the Gators, 23-21, fell to seventh, and the Badgers, who suffered a 17-12 defeat at Cincinnati, dropped to No. 17. No. 19 Brigham Young, No. 21 Michigan State, No. 23 Mississippi State and No. 25 Air Force make their first appearance in the poll. Former No. 17 Arizona, No. 18 Alabama, No. 23 Arizona State and No. 24 Colorado State fell from the poll.

Soccer rises above .500 this week

KALEB BREAUX
SAUCE REPORTER

The Lady Demons soccer team has had very a busy week playing three different schools in a span of seven days. Of these three games, two of them were on the road.

On Tuesday, the 14th, the Demons took on the Lady Lions of Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond, LA. The game was decided on a questionable call by the referee which led to a penalty kick in the 88th minute of regulation.

Southeastern scored first late in the first half sending Northwestern in at the half down by one. During the half-time intermission, the Lady Demons got things together and scored early in the second half at the 51 minute mark. This spectacular goal was scored by freshman Danielle Cornwell, and was assisted by freshman Kathryn Latiolais. This tied the score at 1-1.

The game remained tied until the 87:03 mark when the infamous "questionable call in the box" was made. This then allowed Southeastern's Becca Weingartner to convert the opportunity into a winning goal.

This gave Southeastern a 2-1 lead over the Lady Demons. Northwestern was not able to answer Southeastern's second goal.

Despite Tiffany Swingler's, who came into the game ranked 11th in the nation in saves, impressive 8 saves, Northwestern did not come away with a victory.

"I've got to give the official credit. She had a lot of guts to call a penalty kick," said Coach Mitchell about the "questionable call". "I didn't say much. She never showed me a card, she just asked me to leave the field, so I did."

The loss dropped Northwestern to 2-3-1 overall and 0-1-1 in conference play.

"We tied a game and lost a game in conference. We felt that we could win both of those games," says Coach Mitchell. "We're at the point where we have to learn how to win close games.

On Saturday, the 18th, Northwestern took on Morehead State at Little Rock, Arkansas. This was the Lady Demons second road game of the week.

Freshman Jill Lowe scored first for the Lady Demons. Lowe unloaded from 25 yards out and scored.

The only other goal of the game, Northwestern's second goal, was scored by sophomore sensation Brittany Cargill and was assisted by Stephanie O'Neil.

Goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler recorded a 10 save shutout to give the Lady Demons the 2-0 victory over Morehead State.

The win improved Northwestern's record to 3-3-1 overall.

Just when you were wandering if we even had a ladies' soccer team, the Lady Demons hosted the University of Tennessee-Martin on Sunday afternoon. There were 7 goals scored by the Lady Demons, so let's begin running down the list.

3 of the 7 goals were scored in the first half. Brittany Cargill scored first in the 2nd minute. The goal was assisted by Kathryn Latiolais.

Roughly six minutes later, the Lady Demons struck again. Junior Holly Horn scored Northwestern's second goal. This time Cargill assisted the goal. The goals were only beginning to mount up here. The third goal was scored by Joanne "The Runt" McKee and was assisted by Missy Payne.

This ended the Northwestern massacre in the first half.

Then in the second half Holly Horn came out shooting again and scored Northwestern's first goal of the second half. The goal was assisted by Danielle Cornwell. (We are now over the half way mark with the list of who scored goals.)

The fifth Northwestern goa assisted by Missy Payne, w scored by junior Stephan O'Neil in the 63rd minute play.

(You can now see the lig at the end of a tunnel.)

The sixth Northweste goal was once again scored b junior Holly Horn in the 70 minute, and was unassiste This gave Horn three goals the day.

The seventh and final go was scored by junior Ker Kahanek and was assisted b Tori Carlino.

On the lighter side of thing everyone received some playin time at some point in the gam Coach Mitchell even asked on of the visiting mothers to play half.

Offense was not the on thing that helped Northweste get the victory. Bot goalkeepers, Tiffany Swingle and Wendy Woodham, playe each a half and combined for saves.

This improve Northwestern's record to 5-3- and put them well over .500.

"Defensively we have com together. Earlier in the seaso we were not very goo defensively as a team," say Coach Mitchell when aske about his major "theme" thi week. "We've really stepped u and started doing better.

The next home game for th Lady Demons will be Septembe 22 @ 5p.m. when they will fac their conference rival Stephen Austin.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Missy Payne charges to the goal with an assist from Stephanie O'Neill in Sunday's 7-0 victory over Tennessee-Martin.

Cross country dwindles at SMU

JAY LYLES
SAUCE REPORTER

Both Northwestern cross-country teams opened their seasons in Texas at the SMU Invitational last Saturday.

Both teams placed seventh and competed well their first time out.

Hector Andujo, who placed 24th and ran a time of 27:28 on the course, led the men. He was followed in order by Danon O'Kelly (30th, 27:53), Robert McCormack (36th, 28:54), Mark Keough (40th, 29:09) and Kyle Thomas (44th, 31:18)

Andujo said that the team ran together for the first part of the 8-kilometer race, but in the end they opened and ran as fast as they could.

The women ran very much the same way.

They were led by Chante' Daily who placed 25th with a time of 19:43. Jody Weierholt, who ran a 19:57 and placed 32nd, followed her closely. The rest of the team placed in the following order: Emily Norton (33rd, 20:02), Molly Wingard (35th, 20:08), Crystal Munsinger (37th, 20:24), Liza Mulholland (42nd, 21:25), and Lisa Fortenberry (44th, 22:15).

Both teams are looking to do much better next week as they prepare to travel to Nacogdoches, Texas and compete in the Stephen F. Austin Invitational.

Demons look to scalp Indians

BRYAN SATAWA
SAUCE REPORTER

After a well deserved break with the 52-6 pasting of Tarleton State the Demons will prepare this week for a important game against the school formally known as Northeast Louisiana Indians, and now known as the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

The name may have changed but the stakes of the game have not as the Demons need this one in the win column. With the Demons playing for a playoff spot in the I-AA playoffs a loss would really put the pressure on the Demons.

"Beating Louisiana-Monroe would be a great jump start for us before going into conference play," said Demon offensive linemen Brian Whaley.

The Indians come into the game 1-2 on the season with a opening game win against Nicholls State and losses to Minnesota and Arkansas. They are led at quaterback by Andy Chance who got beat up in the Arkansas game. Chance leads a offense that is primarily run oriented as the Indians have 403 total rushing yards. Mike Mitchell is the leading rusher for the Indians with 110 yards on the season.

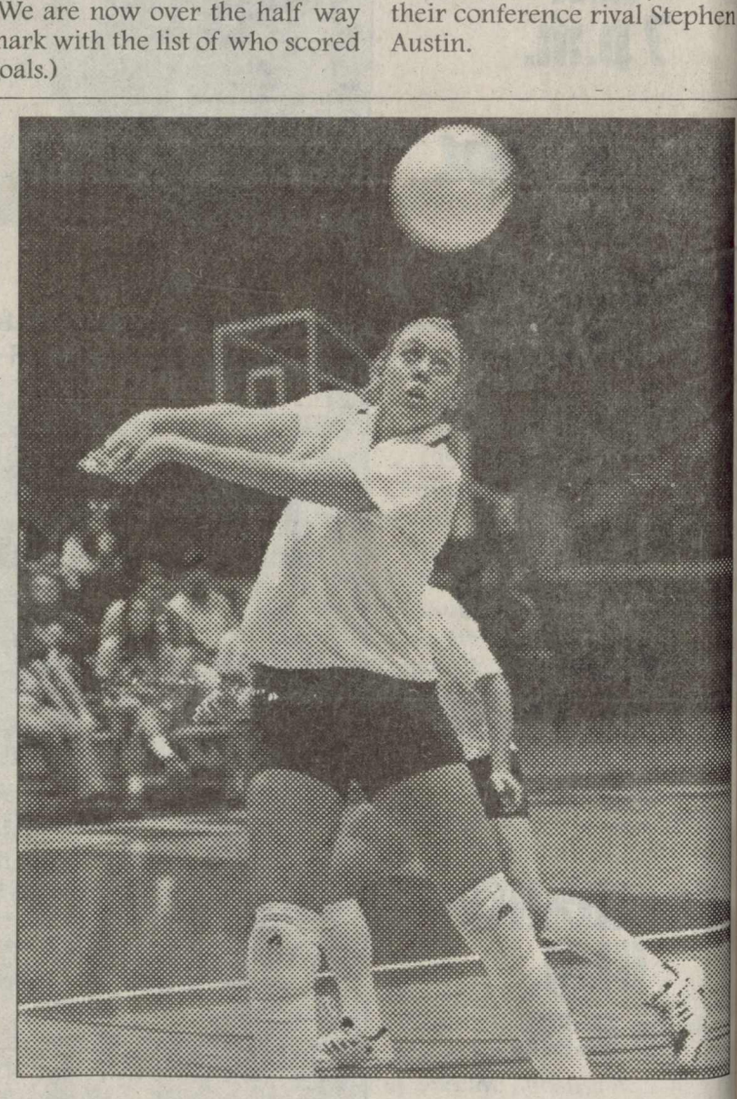
Look for the Indians to try to establish the running game early against the Demon Purple Swarm Defense. This is the major key to a Demon victory and if the Demon defense controls the line of scrimmage and forces the Indians to throw the ball early they will win the game.

The Demon offense will get quarterback Brad Spangler back as he will play this week after sitting out two games with a knee sprain. This should help the offense out if Spangler plays well in the game.

The key to this game however will be the Demon defense. They must control the line of scrimmage and force turnovers early. Coach Goodwin has been impressed with his teams defensive effort so far this season. "The defense, Nathen Black, and Tony Taylor give us a chance to beat anyone we play if we are playing on all cylinders," said Goodwin.

Look for the usual close game in Monroe. This game will come down to the last quarter as it always does. If the Demons play good defensively and Spangler is able to shake off his injury the Demons should come out of this game with Indians with a win.

The game is in Monroe this year and the Demons need your support. Make the drive to Monroe to support the team. Tickets for the game can be purchased by calling the Northwestern ticket office at 357-5251.



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A volleyball player digs the ball into in play as the Northwestern State Demons lost to both UTSa and SW Texas 3-0.

Volleyball loses two conference matches

RONDRAY HILL
SAUCE REPORTER

Despite popular opinion, home was not the place to be this weekend.

At least that is true for the NSU Volleyball team.

After opening the 6 of their first 9 games this season, all of which were on the road, the Demons fell in their first two home games this weekend.

both games were against conference schools UTSA and Southwest Texas, dropping the Demons to 0-2 in conference and 6-5 overall.

In friday's game, UTSA got 17 digs from Katy Risinger to hold off the Demons in two late-game comeback attempts to win 15-13,15-0 and 15-9. The Demons rallied from a 9-1 to get within 2 points in the third game, but the Roadrunners hit on 4 straight point attempts.

Leading the Demons with 11 kills was Elizabeth Perez, coupled with a 42-assist game from Missy Krause.

In a saturday matinee, the Demons were out hit .345 to .078 in their loss to Southwest Texas. The Bobcats were led by Shauna Sthal's 15 kills and 14 digs.

Southwest Texas sits atop the Southland conference standings as of now with a 2-0 record. Demon game leaders were Missy Krause with 23 assists and 9 digs.

The Demons continue their homestand tonight at 7:00 when they face UL-Monroe at Prather Coliseum. Admission is free for all NSU events for students with valid ID.

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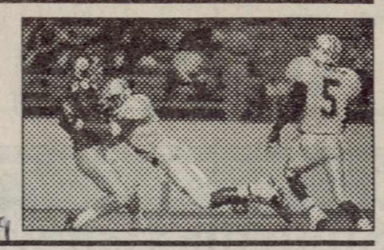

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Enrollment over 9,000 for fall

Heath Crawford
Contributing Writer

Fall enrollment breaks the 9,000 mark as enrollment increases by five percent over last fall's numbers.

The fall enrollment numbers are officially 9,005. The amount fell short of the 1995 record of 9,040 but increased by 433 students over last fall's 8,572 enrolled. "I told the faculty last year that NSU is becoming the university of choice," said NSU President Randall Webb. "NSU ranks fourth in the state in student interest according to responses on the ACT."

Webb focused on recruitment as one of the main reasons for the increase in numbers. "The people in the office of Admissions and Recruiting are a talented, dedicated group who have worked for the past year to make prospective students aware of all the opportunities available at this university," said Webb. "Their efforts in working with principals, guidance counselors, parents and prospective students have played a major role in our quest to continually improve Northwestern."

The Northwestern campus hosts a total of 6,346 students with 1,800 of these being first-time freshmen, the largest since the practice of breaking down freshman enrollment began in 1985.

"We are not only attracting more students in a more competitive environment, but are getting better students," said Webb. "This year a large number of high school valedictorians and salutatorians have enrolled here making it clear that Northwestern is becoming the university of choice for many discerning students."

High school valedictorians, among first-time freshmen, has increased by 46 percent over last fall's figures while the number of salutato0rians was up by more than 32 percent.

Top students continue to be recruited because of Northwestern's student-oriented environment and its strong academic programs. Currently, Northwestern has obtained national accreditation for 28 of its 32 eligible programs for a total of 87.5 percent. Once the Art and Design program achieves accreditation, the figure will move up to 93 percent. Webb hopes for 100 percent accreditation within two years.

Northwestern has made progress in making the university a more student-oriented environment with improvements in residence halls and also within the Financial Aid office.

Students find problems dialing off-campus after hours

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Most students and faculty calling on or off campus have experienced problems with telephone lines. This is a result of an outdated telephone system. The increase of on campus students this semester further complicates the problem.

"It's hard to get an outside line," said freshman, Marque Nelson. "It usually take 4 or 5 times," he continued.

Jonathon Thombes, freshman said that this occurs mostly at night. Generally this is when most students are out of class and finished with homework. The most common result of trying to make a call during this time is a busy signal. Some students have also complained of hearing the message, "all circuits are busy."

Dr. Anthony Scheffler, Director of the Computer Center, said that students usually get frustrated when trying to call on campus and dial "9" to get an outside line. This creates a problem in itself because the student then takes one line to dial off campus and another to dial back onto campus. When other students and faculty multiply this situation, the result is more busy signals and frustration.

Brian Mims, Residential Advisor of Rapides Hall, said "We get complaints at the front desk all the time."

However, Scheffler is optimistic about resolving the problem. He stated that the President of the University, Dr. Randall Webb, has been working with the Board of Regents and the state legislature to rectify the problem. Webb's request for state funds to replace the outdated telephone switch has been moved to a Priority II category. This means that once money has been allocated towards Priority I issues, the money left would then be used for Priority II concerns.

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Dorm safety issues brought to attention after arrest in Sabine

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

After Natchitoches Police arrested an intruder in Sabine Hall two weeks ago, many on campus began to question security in dorms.

Dorm security includes slide card access, patrols by campus police, night workers, and door alarms said Mandy Eaton, Sabine's hall director.

"The security has been a constant," Eaton said. "I think that we work really hard on security in this dorm. I know residents from other dorms call Sabine 'The Rock,' because you can't get in, you can't get out."

Despite this, a Current Sauce investigation found the door alarms not working. The investigation found that five out of seven dorms have door alarms not working.

"For the time being, the doors lock when you pull them closed. They cannot be opened except from the inside," said Christopher Joffrion, lead resident assistant in Rapides.

Problems arise when residents prop the doors open. Door alarms, set to sound between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., are supposed to prevent this.

"By leaving those doors open, [residents] make [themselves] susceptible to anybody else coming in through those doors who doesn't live here and who is going to cause the individuals who stay here harm," Joffrion said.

The alarms in Rapides have been broken for several months Joffrion said.

"From what they have told us and I understand, they [University officials] plan to fix the alarm system," Joffrion said.

Door alarms are broken in Rapides, Boozman, Varnado, Caspari, and Sabine.

"The ones [door alarms] in Boozman haven't been functioning for the entire semester," said a dorm employee wishing to remain anoymous. "Most, if not all, residents in Boozman are aware of this fact. People will go out at 2 a.m. sometimes."

Another Boozman employee agreed.

"They haven't been working at all," said Shelly Miller, a desk worker at Boozman.

When asked about the broken alarms, many RAs were hesitant to respond. "No comment," said John Birch, an RA in Boozman. In addition to door alarms, University Police make rounds at Sabine and Rapides said Eaton.

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photo by Gregory J. Gelpi

Surveillance equipment monitors exterior doors to Rapides (above). Alarms on the back doors of Rapides have not been functional for several months. Who's manning the camera?

Students petition SGA for new poll sites

Photos by Heath Crawford

Voting booths were set up in the Student Union (above) for the recent University elections. Some, however, felt that the booths should have been placed in Ibervill Dining Hall (right).

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Some students may have noticed a petition regarding this year's student election.

The African American Caucus started the petition last year in hopes of persuading the Student Government Association to move the voting booths to what they call a more convenient area.

Shawn Bruce, AAC Vice-President, said the vast majority of students living on campus eat at Iberville Dining Hall. Based on that, he said that it would be more advantageous for voting to be held there.

Shawn Hornsby, SGA President, said if more students were asking for the polls to be moved, someone might be more willing to listen.

"I don't think there is a compelling reason to move it," Hornsby continued.

Hornsby said that the Student Union was in the middle of campus and was the most accessible area for all students. He also said that elections had been held in the Student Union and that continuing to have them there would help build consistency.

Bruce said that having the booths at Iberville on a certain day and at the Student Union on another would best accommodate the student population and make the election process more fair.

Hornsby said that there was not enough manpower to move the booths back and forth.

While some have accused the AAC of passing out the petition to benefit only the black students on campus, Bruce said that people other than blacks have signed the petition.

"It is not a black or white issue," AAC President Christopher Joffrion said. "It's an issue of fairness in the election process."

The AAC began the petition around this time last year in response to situations surrounding the election. Bruce said that last year's ballot consisted of about ten Black candidates, none of whom were elected. He said that students who would have supported those candidates probably did not vote because the voting booths were not as assessable for them.

"At Iberville, it would be more convenient for blacks where as right now it is more convenient for others," Terrance McKinney, junior said.

The AAC formally expressed their feelings about the election process last week at an SGA meeting. Hornsby said the main response of the SGA was that in the real world, citizens must make an effort to vote. He said the same principle held true on this campus.

Organizational deadline approaching

Sauce Staff

The deadline for renewal cards for recognized organizaions to keep their charter is fast approaching according to the Office of Student Organizations.

Cards must be turned into the student organization office by Thursday, September 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Any chartered organization that does not have their renewal card turned in by this deadline will be unable to get an extension and their charter will offically expire and will be unable to have their picture placed in the yearbook.

"Only about a fourth of the chartered organizations on campus have turned in their renewal cards," Director of Student Organizations Carl P. Henry said. "People do not realize that if their cards are not here then their charter will expire."

If any organization president or designated represenative has lost their card or needs another one they can go by the Office of Student Organizations on the second floor of the Student Union and pick up another one.

News

Students visit with over 50 possible employers at Career Day

Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

Career Day made a promising impression on both sides of the corporate ladder.

For many of the students, it was an opportunity to be recognized by some of the top businesses in the market at the convenient location of the Student Union Ballroom.

For the companies, on the other hand, it introduced them to the University and presented them with the type of student Northwestern has to offer in a "pressure-free" environment.

"The focus of Career Day is to expose the companies to our students and expose our students to the companies," Paula Shuford, Career Services Assistant, said. "We let them know that Northwestern is here and that we have a tremendous amount of academic quality and training to offer."

Over 50 companies and 13 graduate schools attended Career Day in the hopes of providing a possible future for these academically qualified students.

The 50 visiting companies included: the Department of Defense, US Department of Justice, Lockeed Martin Space Operations, the Alexandria Warthogs, Faulk and Foster Real Estate, Coca-Cola and the US Border Patrol.

Texas Tech University, Mississippi College Law, University of Denver Graduate, Texas Chiropractic College and Texas A&M Commerce were among the 13 guest graduate schools at Career Day.

According to Shuford, although Career Day is free and open to all students, the companies are asked to pay a 20-dollar fee (which pays for food, decorations and printing costs) and are limited to 70 companies per Career Day.

Shuford says the limitation of companies is necessary due to the limited amount of time for Career Day as well as the limited amount of space available.

"I feel like the students are getting a better deal," Shuford said. "By limiting the amount of companies to 70, it lets the students and employers have a little more one-on-one time with one another."

Well, whether it was the one-on-one time or the companies in attendance, many students were grateful for this opportunity and took with them a positive attitude toward their future.

"I made some really good contacts," Jamila Maxie, junior journalism major, said. "It's going to help me in my search for internships as well as a long-term career."

"I think Career Day has been very informative and has provided a lot of different job opportunities for the students," Leslie Rivers, senior sociology major, said.

Ian East, senior business administration major, agrees and is in full support of Career Day "because it gives the students a chance to get out there, look at some companies and see where they could possible work for their future careers."

But the students were not the only ones impressed with the outcome of this Career Day.

Many companies took note of the academic quality of Northwestern students and were more than happy to be their contacts for future employment

"What I really appreciate about Northwestern is the way the Career Day is set up," Sonja Muniz, Human Resources Assistant for the Kroger Company, said. "It really makes a big difference when the seniors come in first because I can see the quality and caliber of candidates coming through here."

"Career Day is a wonderful opportunity to meet the students," David K. Greer, Assistant Legislative Auditors and Director of Performance Audit for the Office of Legislative Auditor, said. "I'm very impressed with the caliber of students here at Northwestern. I've been to other Career Fairs and I'll have to say that the students here, I believe, are equal to or above all the others that I've met."

It is for this reason that Shuford is expecting positive feedback from the Employee and Student Evaluation forms.

If you have any feedback or suggestions for Career Day, please contact Paula Shuford at 357-5621 or by email: paulas@alpha.nsula.edu.

Reynolds visits College Republicans

Photo by Heath Crawford

Gary Reynolds visited the University last week to discuss politics with the College Republicans. Reynolds is running for Commissioner of Elections for the state of Louisiana.

Reynolds said his primary concern for the future of the office of commisioner of elections was to restore integrity.

He plans to rely on his experiences as a private investigator to clean up the problems found in Louisiana politics.

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Varnado, Boozman parking lot construction nearing completion

Two new parking lots are being built at Northwestern State University and should be open by late October.

The first lot, located between Varnado Hall and Boozman Hall, will be used by residents of Varnado Hall when the parking lot on Caspari Street is closed for phases of the renovation of the women's gymnasium for use as the home of the National Center for Preservation, Technology and Training.

Once the National Center opens, which NSU's Physical Plant director Loran Lindsey said could be in late 2000, those parking spots will be used by employees and visitors to the National Center.

The parking lot behind Varnado will have 44 to 46 parking spaces, Lindsey said, so more than 20 spaces will be added with the new parking lot.

The other parking lot, which will be located between Boozman Hall and the Creative and Performing Arts complex,

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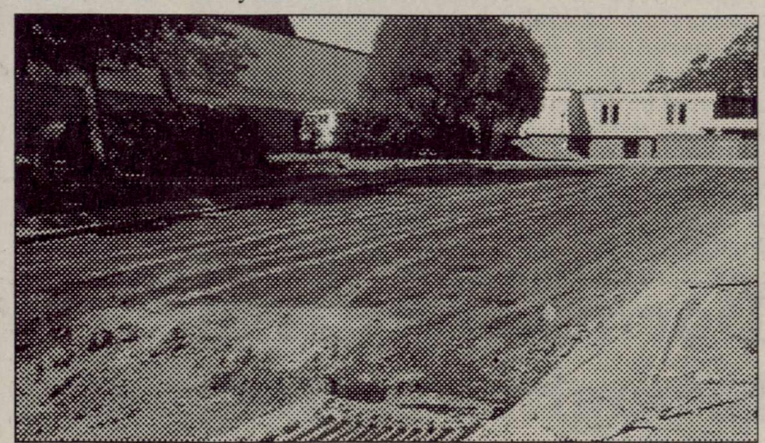
Photo by Heath Crawford
Construction on new parking lots by Varnado and Boozman dorm should be finished by late October.



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ISEP sessions to be held this week

Two informational sessions on studying abroad during the 2000-2001 academic year through ISEP (International Student Exchange Program) will be conducted this week.

The first meeting will be Thursday, September 30 at 4 pm in Kyser Room 106. The program will be repeated on Friday, October 1 at 1 pm in Morrison Hall Room 110.

ISEP is an international consortium of over 250 universities around the world that facilitates academic exchanges at a cost that is no more than attending Northwestern except for transportation to the study sites and any personal expenses. All academic disciplines are available through the program in over 15 languages of instruction. Many programs offered are in English.

"Northwestern is only one of two schools in the state that is a member of ISEP which allows our students perhaps the best bargain in international education," said Tom Whitehead, ISEP Coordinator.

"The costs are no more than attending Northwestern except for the transportation and any personal expenses and many financial aid programs are applicable," continued Whitehead.

The next deadline is January 25, 2000. The meetings this week will allow students to receive the details on the application process and research study sites.

Kristy Leech is studying this year in Malta through ISEP. Three students are on the NSU campus from foreign countries — Martin Trelcat from France, Maria Constanza Romero Decon from Argentina and Manue Becher from Germany.

Questions can be directed to the ISEP Coordinator, Tom Whitehead, at 357-5213 or whitehead@alpha.nsula.edu

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"I think they realize that we are rapidly approaching an emergency situation," said Scheffler.

Scheffler also said that the school has no 911 capacity. In an on-campus emergency, the campus police station must be called.

Because there are no more telephone lines available on campus, Scheffler said, "If a new faculty person wants a phone line, we have to take a phone from someone else."

Plans to correct the current problem revolve around the replacement of the old System 85 switch that currently handles the switchboard operations of the phone system.

Woody Blair, Coordinator of Residential Services, said "it will be like going from the Dark Ages to the New Age."

Scheffler estimated that the new switch and its replacement would cost around $1 million. He said that the new switch would drastically improve the telephone system because it would be capable of handling expansion and 911 calls.

However, Scheffler said that only replacement of the entire telephone network would maximize the use of the new switch. He estimated that the replacement of the network would cost up to $7 million and up to 4 years to complete.

"We really need both," Scheffler said. "If we really want to do it right, we're going to have to have both of them," he continued.

Nationally recognized authors to host workshop

Two nationally recognized authors and counselors will lead a one-day workshop at Northwestern State University Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

The workshop, "Groups: Process and Practice," will be led by Gerald Corey, Ed.D. and Marianne Schneider Corey, M.A., the authors of several books on group counseling. Their books include "Group Techniques," "I Never Knew I Had a Choice" and "Becoming a Helper."

The fee for the workshop is $20 for students and $65 for professionals. On-site registration is $25 for students and $75 for professionals. The advance registration fee deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Northwestern's Department of Psychology is sponsoring the workshop along with the College of Liberal Arts, Student Personnel Services and School Counseling Program, Office of Graduate Studies and Research and Department of Social Work.

Counselors, educators, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, students, therapists and human development specialists will benefit from attending.

This program has been approved for six continuing education contact hours by the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Chapter, Louisiana State Board of Certification for Substance Abuse Counselors, National Board for Certified Counselors, Louisiana Counseling Association and Louisiana Board of Examiners for Psychologists.

Gerald Corey is a professor of human services and professor of counseling at California State University at Fullerton. A licensed psychologist and National Certified Counselor, he is a Diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in Counseling Psychology, a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and a Fellow of the Association for Specialists in Group Work. In 1991, he was the recipient of the Outstanding Professor Award at California State University at Fullerton.

Marianne Schneider Corey is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Idyllwild, Calif. Her professional interests include counseling individuals and couples, leading week-long residential therapeutic groups and training/supervising group workshops.

Marianne Corey is the co-author of five books and several journal articles. Along with Gerald Corey and Patrick Callahan, she was the recipient of the Association for Religious and Value Issues in Counseling's 1986 Award in the field of professional ethics.

The Coreys will present a workshop addressing process issues and practical applications. There will be four sessions during which the presenters will interact with the audience by inviting questions and discussion.

During the morning session, there will be a demonstration of the initial stage of a group. The afternoon sessions will include another demonstration of ways to therapeutically deal with resistance in groups. Following the lectures and demonstrations, participants will be invited to share reactions, raise questions and get actively involved in the workshop.

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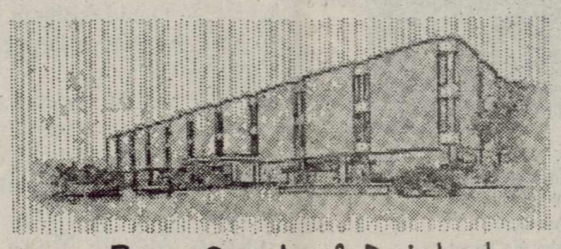

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Thursday, October 21, 1999

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Tuesday, October 26, 1999

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Monday, November 15, 1999 (Resume Call)

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Tuesday, November 16, 1999

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Society of Professional Journalists
Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the organization is encouraged to attend or contact the chapter adviser, Neil Ralston, at 357-4439. The Society is a 90-year-old organization that features more than 13,500 student and professional members throughout the world. The Society is dedicated to a free press, free speech and the ethical practice of journalism.

Phi Eta Sigma
The national honor society for men, will hold its first meeting of the semester on Tuesday, September 28, at 5 p.m. in Kyser 107(Journalism Conference Room). Members will elect officers for the upcoming year and discuss activities that involve the organization. Call 4425 if you cannot attend or if you have any questions.

Tri Beta
Two Tri Beta meetings will be held this week! The first is on Thursday, September 30 at 5 p.m. If you are unable to attend at this time, the second is on Friday at 10 a.m. New members welcome. Room 101, Bienvenue Hall.

Mu Epsilon Delta Meeting
Mu Epsilon Delta will have a meeting on Monday, October 4, at 6 p.m. in room 107 of Bienvenue Hall. Anyone interested in medicine is invited to attend. For more information contact Dr. Phifer at 357-5355

Campus Crusade for Christ will have a co-ed Bible Study Thursday at 6:30 in the Cane River Room of the Student Center. Everyone is welcome.

Sigma Sigma Sigma
Hey Sigmas, hope you're all having a great week! New members, don't forget about crew tonight at 8 p.m. Everyone continue keeping up with your study hall hours. Congratulations to all our Sigmas on homecoming court! Also, everyone get ready for the service project on Saturday.

Financial Aid Office
Financial Aid Night has been cancelled for September 29, at 6:30 in Cane River Room due to Mr. Posey's illness.

Sociology and Criminal Justice Club
Sociology and Criminal Justice club meeting will be held in room 409 of Kyser Hall on Wednesday, October 6, at 4 p.m.

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Delta Sigma Theta
Had a Fall 1999 Rush on Monday, September 27 at 8 p.m. in the Purple & White Room in the Field House. Any interested persons who were unable to attend may call Chanae Howard - 352-9726; Natasha McPhearson - 352-6058, or Brenda Fowler - 352-2970.

Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E)
S.I.F.E will have a meeting Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. in room 224 of Russell Hall. All interested in joining are welcome . Members please attend.

Social Work Methods III Class
Make a Difference Day - October 23 sponsored by USA Weekend magazine. Do something to help your community and make a difference in Natchitoches. To find out how you or your organization can get involved e-mail us at makeadifference23@yahoo.com.

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Angelique Duhon

Student Organizations and Activities
Blue Key National Honor Fraternity-1998, 1999
Purple Jackets-1998, 1999
National Order of Omega-1998, 1999
Halloween Carnival Chairman-1999
Greek Council-1998, 1999
Student Government Association-1996-1999
Vice President-1998-1999
Speaker of the Senate-1998
NSU Commissioner of Elections-1998-1999
Senator-at-Large-1999
Sophomore Class Senator-1997
Freshman Class Senator-1996
Academic Affairs Committee Chairman-1996
Student Affairs Committee Chairman-1997
Conference of Student Body Associations-1998
Louisiana's Vice President's Committee
Conference of Student Government Associations Delegate-1997, 1998
Panhellenic Association
President-1998
Rho Chi-1998
Secretary-1997
Social Chairman-1997
Panhellenic Progressive Party Chairman-1998
Southeastern Panhellenic Conference Delegate-1997, 1998, 1999
Louisiana Coordinator-1999
Phi Mu Fraternity
President-1999
Ritual Chairman-1998
Sisterhood Chairman-1997
Public Relations Committee-1996, 1997
Rush Party Head-1997
Louisiana Representative National Phi Mu President-1999
State Day Delegate-2 years
Leadership Conference Delegate-1999
Greek 1010 Facilitator-1997, 1998
Freshman Connector-1998, 1999
Undergraduates of Interfraternal Institute, Graduate-1998

Campus Service
NSU Traffic and Safety Committee-1998
NSU Committee on Organizations-1999
Students Helping Students-1997, 1998, 1999

Honors
President's List-4 semesters
Dean's List-2 semesters
Alpha Lambda Delta-1996
Presidential Leadership Program-1996
NSU Outstanding Student Award-1996-1999
Phi Mu 4.0 Scholarship Award-1996, 1997, 1998
ArkLaTex Scholarship Award-1996
Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship Award-1997, 1998
Order of Omega Academic Award-1996, 1997, 1998
Homecoming Court-1998
Who's Who Nominee-1999
Purple Jackets Scholarship Award for Highest GPA-1998
Panhellenic Woman of the

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Demon Sweethearts
Greek Council
Purple Jackets
Freshman Connector- two years

Campus Services
Students Helping Students -three years
Peer Educators with NSU Infirmary
Coordinator- clothes drive in Sabine Residence Hall

Honors
Presidential Honors
Louisiana Scholars' College

Makeup individual pictures for the 1999-2000 Yearbook will be Oct. 25 from 8-4:30 in the Student Union.

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Greeks organization pictures will be on Oct. 12 from 4:30-8:30 in Magale Recital Hall. Other organizations will be photographed Oct. 13-14 from 4:30-8:30. The schedule will be printed in a later edition of *The Current Sauce*. Organizations must be officially chartered to be photographed.

RUNOFFS

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD THIS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY IN THE STUDENT UNION FROM 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO VOTE.

Freshman Class Senator

Shymika Stephenson

The Student Government Association is a well-known organization that affects the university life of students. If elected class senator, I will be devoted to the needs to every individual.

Choose Only One

Quincy Dee Spencer

The goal of the SGA is to serve as the "voice of the students." As a freshmen senator, I will make sure that voices are heard and needs are met. I will work to the best of my ability to serve with strength, intelligence, and maturity within the freshmen class.

PICTURE NOT TAKEN

Cadet scores exceptionally high in ROTC Advanced Camp

David Sullivan
Guest Sauce Reporter

Of the 21 cadet / students Northwestern State University sent to ROTC Advance Camp last summer, Criminal Justice major and Military Science minor, Megan Miers earned Demon Battalion's highest score: 939 out of 1000.

"I went into the last regiment so I had a lot of time to get ready." Cadet Major Miers said humbly. Miers trained in the tenth regiment of camp, which put her in Fort Lewsis, WA on July, 7th until August 11th, 1999. Miers said she does not think she would have felt as prepared if she left with another regiment earlier in the summer. "I have an outgoing personality too, so that might have helped, "Miers went on, "If you are really quiet, that makes it harder to control your troops."

Miers also said that she was the only female in her squad of 10 cadets. Usually there are two to three females per squad. "So that made it even more interesting," Miers groaned.

With a clean cut score of 259 out of 300 (180 besing the minimum) on the Army Physical Fitness Test, and having earned above average scores on other events, like the land navigation test, Miers said that cadets have a better chance of scoring high at camp if they arrive in good physical condition.

Along with the many obsitacles of camp, Miers performed the whole course with a broken finger, and considering cadets use their hands as much as their minds, this is quite a feat. "During the machine gun assault course a cadet dropped his M-60 on my hand." She did not seek medical attention until that evening while struggling to keep up with her squad. When she finally went to the hospital, the damage was so severe, the bone had to be set.

Miers is not only the top scoring Advanced Camp cadet of the NSU Battalion, but out of her platoon, she earned the highest score of the six females. "There were two other females that were even in better shape than me, I managed to score higher than them in other events," Miers said.

Photo by David Sullivan
Megan Miers has earned Demon Battalion's highest score in the ROTC's Advanced Camp

NSU IM/REC Sports

Upcoming Events

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"Chicken Soup" author visits University

Photo by Heath Crawford
Demons gathered around for a taste of "the soup" last Wednesday night as James Malinchak, author of Chicken Soup for the College Soul, talked to Northwestern students about advice they should follow while working towards a degree. His advice session ranged from dormitories to "Heartbreak 101" and coincided with his book's humorous information about how to make it through college being a happier and better person. Malinchak used personal stories and anecdotes to remind college students of such things as how "life is about people, not material possessions.

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will not be hard-surfaced at this time, Lindsey said. It will provide an additional 34 parking spaces for residents of Boozman Hall.

Lindsey said the new lots should give students who live in those residence halls adequate parking spaces. He added that there are "a lot of relatively accessible parking spaces" for commuter students.

The lot behind Varnado should be open by late October, in time for construction of the National Center to resume.

DORMS cont'd from page 1

"They've [University Police] always been there when I needed them," Eaton said.

Joffrion said, "They've [University Police] done a really good job. They've helped deter a lot of things."

Surveillance equipment monitors activity in and around Rapides.

"I like the cameras and the campus police. They make the dorm seem that much safer," Joffrion said.

Some RAs admit that security can never be perfect.

"You could have armed guards, but if they [non-residents] want in bad enough, they're going to get in," said Steve Gore, an RA in Bossier.

Woody Blair, the coordinator of housing, said that the University is working on the problem.

"That is all part of the bid out, which is supposed to be done by the first of December," Blair said. "All of the door sensors will be tied into the new system."

Until then, Blair said dorm personnel will monitor security.

"There's really nothing more that we can do than that," Blair said.

While the University tries to remedy the situation, the University also tried to suppress information regarding the problem.

RAs were warned at a weekly hall meeting of talking to the media about the problem.

Natchticohes Police chased a suspected felon through the city two weeks ago. The chase ended when the suspect fled into Sabine Hall and hid in a dorm room, where he stayed until police arrested him.

Gatorville, Louisiana

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

"There's nothing to do in Natchitoches."

Not true. Just 20 miles north of Natchitoches lies a hidden treasure that guarantees loads of fun for all ages.

It's called the Bayou Pierre Gator Park and Show, and it's Natchitoches' best kept secret.

As the name indicates, the park contains thousands of American alligators that perform hourly, shocking and amusing crowds. The park was built over a decade ago to preserve alligators, who were quickly becoming extinct.

The alligator shows, which begin at 11:30 a.m., display alligators in their natural, rare form. As one of the park employees instructs the crowd on alligator trivia, two other park employees cast out raw chicken pieces for the alligators onto a wire. The gators then jump, sometimes to a height of four feet, to grasp the chicken off the wire. Ever the ferocious reptile, the alligators often snap at each other as they lunge at the meat.

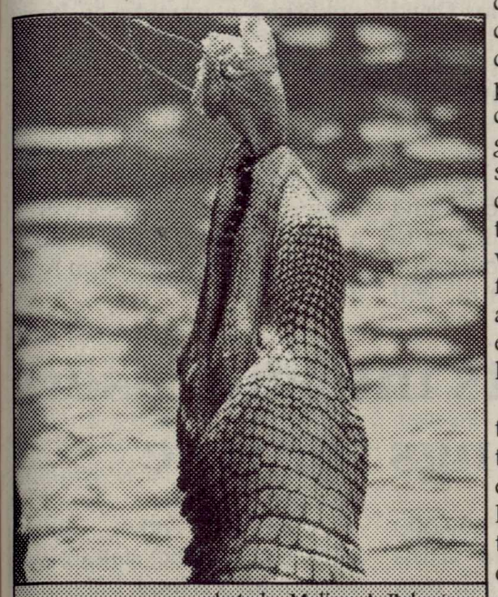


photo by Melissa A. Robertson
The park has a feeding show every hour starting at 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Swamp or Alligator Island. The alligators can lunge as much as four feet for the meat.

At the shows, the announcer explains that because alligators' eyes are on top of their head, they often miss the meat. She also describes the process alligators go through to digest the food. "Because alligators do not have any saliva, they have to be under the water to swallow the food," she explains.

photo by Melissa A. Robertson
Bayou Pierre Gator Park and Show, located about 20 miles north of Natchitoches houses thousands of alligators, from year old, small gators, to thousand pound, 18-foot alligators.

She continued that if food remains in the alligators stomach when the weather turns cold, the food rots because of a lack of stomach acid during the winter.

Signs with additional gator information are placed throughout the park with every possible fact about gators. One of the most interesting facts concerns the mating habits of the alligators.

The sign explains that female alligators choose their mate depending on if they can sink them in the water. If the male is unsinkable, the female chooses him for her mate.

During the showing at the Swamp, the park employees dump mounds of meat into the water to demonstrate an alligator feeding frenzy. The gators thrash around, often fighting each other for the food.

The park contains two other areas that contain alligators. The Marsh, a four pond area that boasts "Big Al's feeding show" houses the parks largest alligators, at 800-1000 pounds. Big Al, one of these alligators, comes close to breaking the park's 20 foot length record, at 18 feet. Alligator Island, located at the center of the park, contains over 200 gators. Here, tourists are allowed to feed the alligators through feeding chutes.

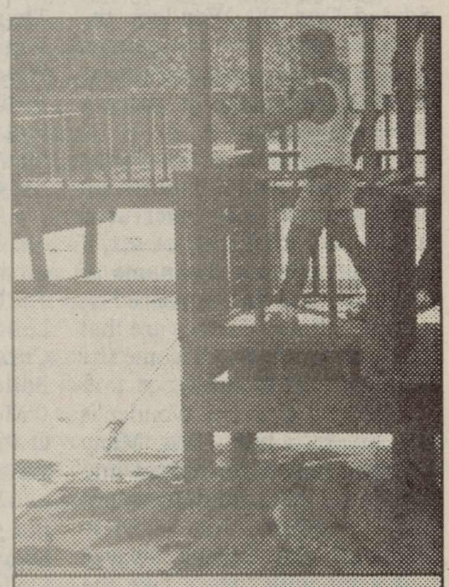
Surrounding Alligator Island is a section for specialty gators, such as "Stumpy," a gator that was born with no tail and one eye. This section also holds the park's "prisoners," who are incarcerated for crimes ranging from stealing the chickens from the petting zoo to eating tourists.

Tourists don't just have to sit back and watch. The park also has its own photo area, where tourists can have their picture taken with an alligator.

The park warns, however, that although the alligators might appear to be "Louisiana guard dogs," because of their lima bean-sized brain, intelligence is not abundant in gators.

The park is open on April 15 to Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. From Nov. 1 to Dec. 21, the park is only open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The times for these months vary, because of the alligator's dormant habits during cold weather. Admission for the park is $5.50 for adults and $4.00 for children 3 to 12-years-old. Children under three are admitted for free.

The park is located off North I-49 towards. Turn at the Powhatan/Allen exit [Exit # 148]. The park has signs placed along the road for further directions.



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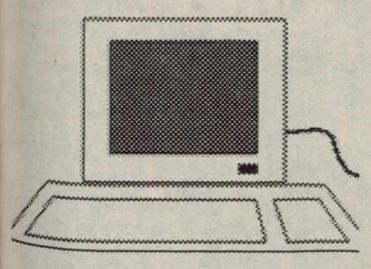
After hooking the meat onto the wire, owner Terry Rogers throws the meat across the pond to the alligators. Other gators lay by the pier waiting for Rogers to dump meat for them at the end of the show.

On the Cutting Edge

NSU Distance Learning connects seven sites in Louisiana

Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

Although considered a small university by some, the University is grand in the technological field and has been for several decades.



In the late 50's and early 60's, NSU pioneered Educational Television (ETV) in Louisiana before any other university in the state. The only problem with ETV was the reception was poor.

In the late 80's and early 90's, Dr. Robert Alost, former president of NSU, started distance learning programs using the technology the University previously had, which was the satellite system. In 1991, Dr. Ron McBride and Dr. Alost created Louisiana Instructional Satellite Telecommunication Network (LISTN).

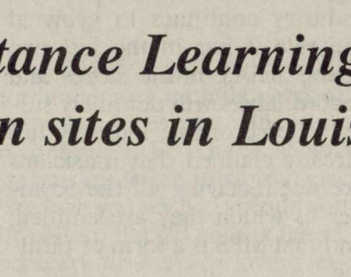
"Right away we did five or six satellite classes, per semester," McBride said. "Most of them were graduate courses in education. We also offered some business classes and some social science classes."

NSU was the first in Louisiana to teach distance courses through an interactive satellite.

"We beamed it up using the studio in Kyser Hall and the signal went between eight to ten receive sites throughout Central Louisiana," McBride said.

Shortly after, NSU entered into a second phase of technology developing the first video compression network in the state. This allowed professors to teach classes at the Natchitoches campus, while students participated in the classes via satellite from other sites. Seven sites were established, most at rural hospitals. New sites also formed on the NSU campus, Leesville, Alexandria and Shreveport.

During this time, the Department of Education



started Internet courses, the third technological phase.

"Today, NSU still does more distance learning than anyone in the state and our total course offerings are larger than anyone in the state," said McBride.

NSU is averaging 25 to 30 Internet courses a semester and twenty video compression classes per semester.

The new kid on the block in technology this semester is the Desktop Video Conferencing. It uses video compression but on the desktop.

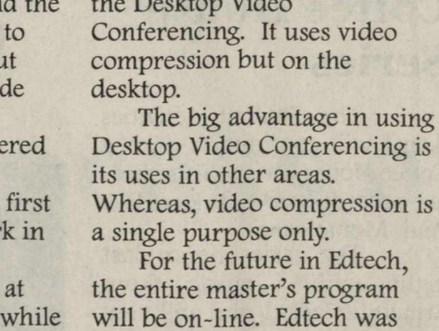
The big advantage in using Desktop Video Conferencing is its uses in other areas. Whereas, video compression is a single purpose only.

For the future in Edtech, the entire master's program will be on-line. Edtech was chosen because of its adaptability to the program. Because Edtech pertains to computers and technology, it's a natural fit between what NSU is trying to do and the technology NSU is delivering.

"Our goal in education is to provide the best possible degree program using the latest technology," said McBride.

Because the technology is so dynamic, it gives the University the potential to do virtually anything, McBride said.

"I think it's safe to say that we are the only university using three major technologies," McBride continued. "Most institutions commit their heart and soul to one technology. By not doing that, we have the flexibility to go different directions."



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Arts & Entertainment

One hit wonders honored this week

Larry Collins
Contributing Writer

This week is the official "One Hit Wonders Week." This week is set aside as a week to remember those musical acts that have been dubbed as One Hit Wonders by the industry.

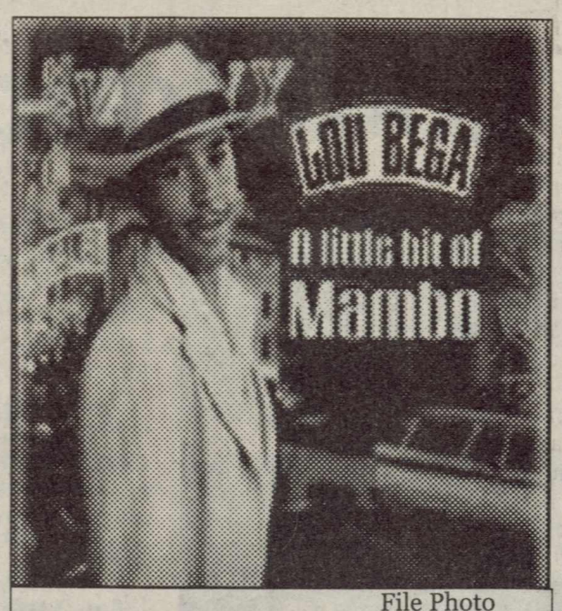
A One Hit Wonder is a musical act (group or individual) that had one hit song and is virtually never heard from again. Keep in mind that the hit is based on popularity and not chart position. Comedian Chris Rock summed it up best when he described them as "Here today, gone in ten minutes."

If you are having trouble thinking of what artists are considered One Hit Wonders, the internet page Brunching.com gives a simple guide with hints of what will make an artist a One Hit Wonder.

They say that if the chorus of the hit song contains an undiscovered or over-used euphemism for the act of sex, if the lyrics contain the name of the band, or if they appeared on a Prince album chances are that they are doomed to become the next One Hit Wonders.

Being a One Hit Wonder is not always a bad thing. Many industry stars have delved into the music field, and have not had another hit. "Dirty Dancing" star Patrick Swayze had a hit with "She's Like the Wind," and Melrose Place alum. Jack Wagner had his 15 minutes of music fame with "All I Need." One Hit Wonder Jamie Walters had his one hit "Hold On" thanks to his role as Ray Pruitt on "Beverly Hills, 90210".

Some of the biggest hits of past years have come from One Hit Wonders. The theme song of the Papal visit to Denver was The Proclaimers' "I'm Gonna Be 500 Miles". The Oscar winning song "The Morning After" from the Poseidon Adventure was recorded by One Hit Wonder Maureen McGovern. The Rembrants' "I'll Be There", and Vonda Shepard's "Searching My Soul" are both One Hit Wonders that created the theme songs to television shows, "Friends" and "Ally McBeal", respectively.



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Lou Bega's first single, "Mambo Number Five" may make him an honoree during next year's One Hit Wonders Week.

There are a few hit songs out today that seem as if they are headed into one hit territory. Tal Bachman ("She's So High"), Lou Bega ("Mambo #5"), Citizen King ("Better Days [The Bottom Drops Out]"), Train ("Meet Virginia") and Vitamin C ("Smile") could be the next generation of one hit wonders.

Fans of these artists should not give up hope, because both Sugar Ray and the Goo Goo Dolls saved themselves from the title a year after they had been deemed One Hit Wonders.

Some One Hit Wonders were mistakenly given the title. DC Talk ("Just Between You and Me"), Sixpence None The Richer ("Kiss Me"), and Kathy Troccoli ("Everything Changes") were all unjustly called One Hit Wonders even though they had hits in the contemporary Christian market.

Fans are encouraged to call radio stations and request favorite One Hot Wonders, such as MC Brains ("Oochie Coochie"), Shakespeare's Sister ("Stay"), Right Said Fred ("I'm Too Sexy"), 4 Non Blondes ("What's Going On") and Gerardo ("Rico Suave").

One question though... are Nine Stories true One Hit Wonders since they haven't had a hit since "Stay" with Lisa Loeb and she doesn't give them credit as her band anymore?

NSU Jazz Orchestra announces four shows for the 1999-2000 season

Four lively concerts including a tribute to Duke Ellington are on the schedule for Northwestern State University's Jazz Orchestra during its 1999-2000 season. The Jazz Orchestra is under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Galindo Rodriguez.

Each concert will feature at least one guest soloist. All concerts are scheduled for Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

Guitarist Mark Griffith and vibraphonist Jim O' Brien will be featured in the first concert Oct. 11. The orchestra will perform a variety of works arranged specifically for jazz orchestra including "Brazil," "It's Oh, So Nice" and "Low Down," all selections which be reminiscent of the orchestras of Count Basie, Maynard Ferguson, and Thad Jones.

Both featured soloists for the Inaugural Concert earned degrees from the prestigious Berkelee School of Music in Boston.

The concert will also include works by Shelton Berg, president of the International Association of Jazz Educators and a unique arrangement of "Sister Sadie" by Horace Silver. Rounding out the program will be Sammy Nestico's "The Heat's On" and "Rebel Rousers" by the legendary tenor saxophonist Don Menza.

On Nov. 15, the orchestra will present a tribute to Duke Ellington in the year of the legendary musician/composer's 100th birthday. The guest soloist will NSU alumnus David Hardin, the 1998 Music Educator of the Year at NSU.

Hardin will be featured on some of Ellington's best known works. Associate Professor of Music Tony Smith will open the program with some background on Ellington which will add to the enjoyment of the concert.

The Jazz Orchestra will hold its millennium celebration Feb. 21st. Recording artist Robert Kase will be the guest soloist. Critics have compared Kase's technique to that of Maurice Andre and Wynton Marsalis.

Kase is a clinician for Edwards Trumpets and a former member of the world-renown One o'Clock Lab Band from the University of North Texas. He was recently appointed head of the Department of Music at University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

One of the country's most in demand clinicians, Kase has published a number of books and articles on a spectrum of music performance issues, and recorded on more than 200 projects. Kase will also present a special master class and workshop for NSU students.

Closing this year's series will be a concert featuring tenor saxophonist Daniel Johnson on April 24.

MP3 phenomenon lets internet users download popular songs for free

Raechal Leone
A&E Editor

With all the expenses that go along with being a student at NSU, who has money left over for the really important things, like CDs? Luckily, the new MP3 craze means that only an internet connection is needed to download any number of thousands of songs by mainstream and independent artists for free.

MP3 is a standard file format that shrinks audio files, so that the size of the file and, therefore, the time it takes to download that file is shortened. As a result, web surfers can hear a hit song for free, in just a few minutes. Another benefit of MP3 is that internet users can save songs to a disc, just like a regular file, and make custom CDs. The sound quality of an MP3 is almost as good as a CD, but without spending money for a whole CD and a lot of songs you don't need.

There are countless MP3 websites, with one of the largest and most popular being MP3.com. On that site, which receives approximately 200,000 hits daily, independent artists are invited to submit their own original songs. They have the option to sell and market their music with no start up costs, and receive a 50/50 percent of proceeds, not to mention invaluable exposure. Also at MP3.com, aspiring musicians can sign up for free web pages, and display album graphics, song lyrics, logos and links to fan clubs.

MP3.com and others like it have caused quite a stir in the recording industry in the short time of their existence. The competitive business of music is losing money now that more people than ever are downloading songs for free that they would otherwise be spending $15-20 to hear. If the MP3 industry continues to grow at the rate it has in the last two years, artists, music stores and record labels will definitely suffer. The recording industry has already claimed that musicians are not receiving all the royalties to which they are entitled, and that MP3 is a form of pirating.

On the other hand, MP3.com, for one, states on its site that MP3 is legal, but can be used illegally. According to MP3.com, the industry is legal if a song's copyright holder has granted permission for a song to be downloaded. It also explains that while it is legal to make a "reasonable amount" of copies from a CD for personal use, it is not legal to trade or sell MP3 encoded CDs without permission from the copyright holder.

Even though warnings concerning the legalities of the MP3 industry appear on websites, there is no guarantee that internet users will take the time to read the posted information. And who will determine what a "reasonable amount" is, exactly?

It is expected that MP3 websites will begin facing more legal restrictions and regulations in the very near future, but until then, internet users can save a lot of money and still keep up with the latest, most popular music.

Garth becomes Gaines for album; abandons country for rock sound

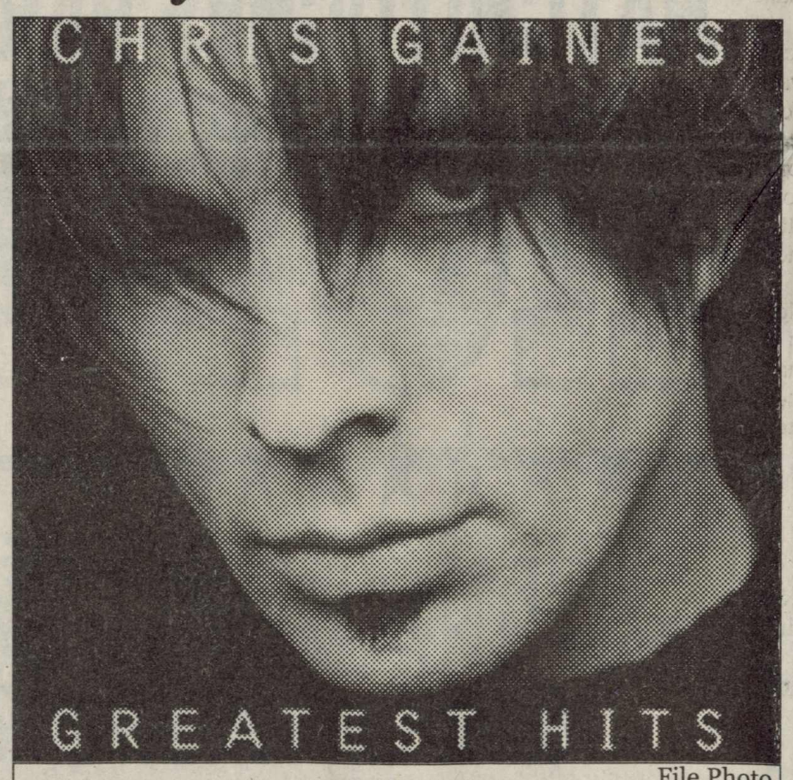
You may not have heard of Chris Gaines, but his face is sure to look familiar to dedicated fans of Garth Brooks. Brooks' first rock album, "In the Life of Chris Gaines", hits the shelves today with the country superstar sporting a brand new look and sound.

Fictitious rock star Gaines will be the subject of "The Lamb", a film in which Brooks will star later this year. The album is a pre-soundtrack for the film, and Brooks may make more music under the pseudonym.

The first singles from the album, "Lost In You" and "It Doesn't Matter to the Sun" are already getting airplay on rock and country radio stations, respectively.

Critics can't decide if Brooks is a genius or insane; Beginning today, fans will get to form their own opinions

Look for a review of the album next week in the *Current Sauce*.



File Photo
Garth Brooks' new album, "In the Life of Chris Gaines" arrives in stores today. Brooks plays the role of fictitious rock star Gaines in the upcoming film, "The Lamb."

SAB seeks performers for Coffee House Series

The Student Activities Board will continue to offer a Coffee House series this semester, according to SAB President Paul Monteleone.

The series began last night with music from Armadillo Jackal, and will now be held every other Monday night at 8 p.m.

Concerts will be held in Vic's in the Student Union until the Alley is redone, but will be moved there as soon as possible.

"Joe Tillman of Aramark is working on the Alley. They're going to make the stage higher and put the pool tables from Le Rendezvous in there," Monteleone said.

In addition to music at the Coffee Houses, there will also be art exhibits featuring works from the Student Art Society at each one.

The Coffee House Series is free for students with a current NSU ID. Each student will receive a free pastry and coffee, and there will be more available to purchase.

"I like the music best about the Coffee Houses, I have never seen anything like it," Marla Chaney, junior biology major said.

The SAB is still looking for bands, poets, folk singers and other artists to perform at the coffee house concerts. Anyone interested in performing should go by the SAB Office in Room 214 of the Student Union.

"Double Jeopardy" Tops Weekend Box Office, "Jakob the Liar" debuts at No. 8

File Photo
Ashley Judd, above, and Tommy Lee Jones star in this weekend's top grossing movie, "Double Jeopardy". In the film, Judd portrays a wife who has been framed for her husband's murder.

"Double Jeopardy" took the top spot at the box office this weekend. Despite bad reviews, the thriller starring Ashley Judd grossed $23.7 million in it's first days of release. Another new film, "Jakob the Liar", starring Robin Williams, opened with a slight $2.2 million to claim the distant No.8 spot.

Martin Lawrence's "Blue Streak" fell from the No.1 position to No. 2, bringing in $13.2 million over the weekend, and $37.7 million in total domestic gross.

Holding steady at No. 3 was "The Sixth Sense", with ticket sales totaling $8.5 million over the weekend. According to a spokesman at Hollywood Pictures, the film is now listed as the 20th top grossing film of all time in North America.

Kevin Costner's romantic "For Love of the Game" fell from second to fourth place in it's second week, with a weekend total of $6.6 million.

The critically praised "American Beauty" came in fifth place, although it was only playing in 429 theaters. The film, which stars Kevin Spacey as a middle-aged man attempting to impress a schoolgirl, grossed $6 million in it's second weekend.

"Stigmata" slid to No. 6 with $4.8 million, and "Kevin Bacon's" Stir of Echoes fell to No. 7 with a weekend gross of $2.3 million.

According to a spokesman for Columbia Pictures, the poor performance of the Holocaust film "Jakob the Liar", at No.8, was due to bad reviews and the subject matter.

However, studio executives made no excuses for the $2.0 million gross of Lawrence Kasdan's "Mumford", which claimed the No.9 spot in it's first weekend.

Falling to the No. 10 position was the romantic comedy, "Runaway Bride", with a total domestic gross of $146.6 million, and a weekend gross of $1.6 million.

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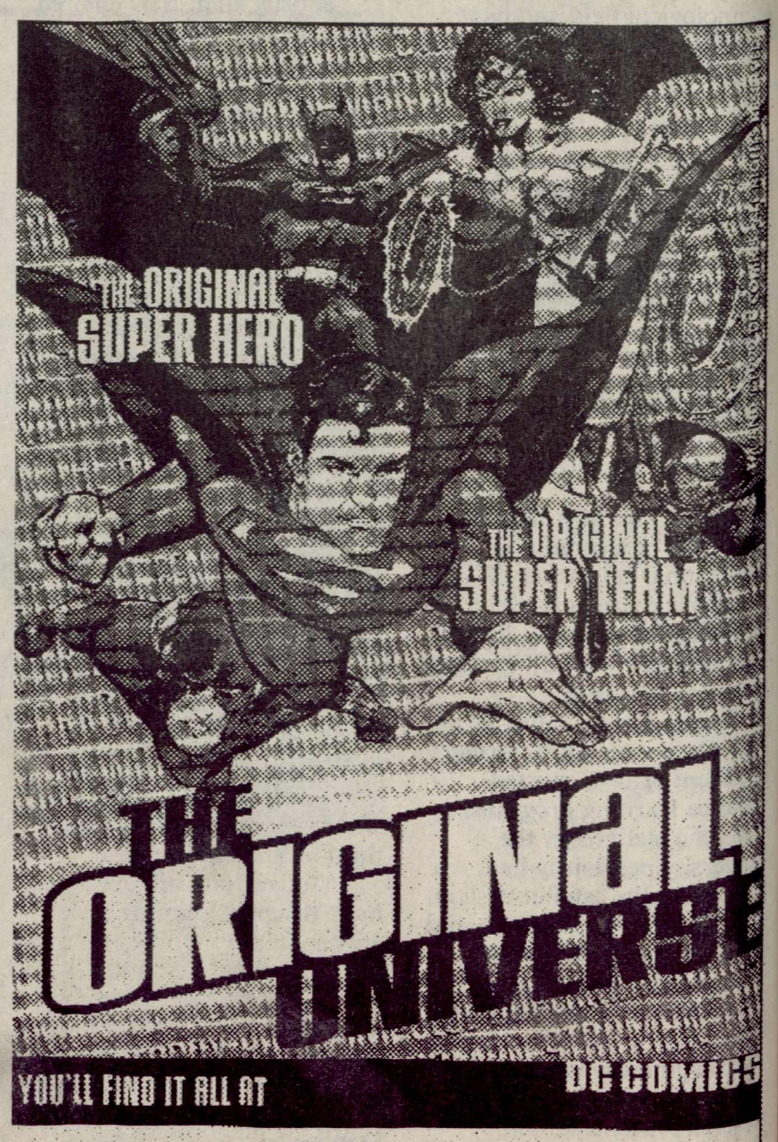

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Tony the Lonely

Hey advice fans! Tony the lonely is back and is he ever hyped. Someone told me that the love lorn advice needin demons needed a spiritual leader, an advice giving messiah if you will. Well Put a hole in my hand and call me divine cause I'm back to answer your questions, and to put a fresh perspective on this ball of putrid slop we call life. You can reach me at Blancool@hotmail.com, with questions, comments or death threats.

Dear Tony the Lonely,

I have a job as a deskworker in a residence hall, but the people who live there are all philistines and give me dirty looks, I don't want to quit my job, but these people aggravate me to no end and I find it hard to concentrate even when I am back in my room trying to study because of the rude remarks and gestures I receive constantly. Please help!

-Lost In Space

Dear Lost.

Got a bit of a weak psyche don't you? I have some advise for you, stop whining and don't let the little insolent pricks who live in the resident halls bother you. They are all little spoiled brats used to various mommies following them around with a shovel and three ply toilet paper. They need someone to lash out at since their punching bag parents are not in the next room. The next time anyone gives you a dirty look, just understand that these will be the people serving ten to twenty years in a state correctional facility for domestic abuse. I would also suggest requesting maintenance install a chain link cage for you to sit in. You don't want the rabble getting too close if you know what I mean.

Dear Tony the Lonely,

I am trying to graduate from this university, and to do so, I have a thesis to write. You would think that would not be so bad, except for the fact that it is due in about 5 days and I have not written the first line. What should I do?

Stumped Senior

Dear Stumped.

How about this? You are feeling a pain in your lower stomach, could be your appendix maybe your lower intestine, or perhaps your pancreas. Whatever it is, of course it will have to be removed. Immediately. But the only doctor who will perform the procedure lives in Malta and will not give you a doctoris excuse. So your resignation might look a little fishy. But nothing says legitimate organ failure like realistic pain exposition. And you can sure scream for the resignation board, right? and clutch your stomach, that always works. Get the hell out as soon as possible this place has nothing left for you. Run. Good luck in the future.

Dear Tony the Lonely,

I am facing a dilemma that I need some wise advising on. There are two girls that I am interested in going out with. There is Girl A that I am extremely physically attracted to, but don't share very much in common with. There is Girl B, who I am attracted physically to somewhat, but even more I really enjoy being around her and envision a committed and happy relationship with if I do go out with her. What girl should I go after?

Totally Bewildered in Natchitoches

Dear Bewildered,

OK, so there is a fine girl and a kind of fine girl, right? Well first you should involve yourself in a immediate sexually charged relationship with the more attractive one. Then you can begin leisurely courting the lesser girl. But continue to have harsh showtime sex with the worthy one. Then marry the lesser, unworthy girl long before you realize she is not the person you wish to spend your life with. Blame her. And out of spite call up the old college friend you used to know in carnal way and spark up that old lovin feeling. After a couple of years of unfulfilling married life, and meaningless sex, Divorce her and damage your children's delicate egos so the cycle can begin anew.

OK, that's the first edition. Blancool@hotmail.com Write me! Write ME.I am the one to answer your questions. I will build ycu a monorail. Write me. **Blancool@hotmail.com**

From the editor

Fortunately, I have a variety of friends. Many of which I place into categories or groups based on my relationship with them. For example, I have my Student Government friends, my journalism friends, my political science friends, my Greek friends, my non-Greek friends, my band friends, etc.

In the last year or two, I have noticed that my circle of friends has shifted. When I arrived at the University, I primarily confided in, partied with and depended on my band friends. After all, I had done nothing besides band since the sixth grade and my friends in band were my closest confidants for many years.

Now, I find myself with people totally different from those I grew up with. Currently, my friends are interested in accounting or law school or writing for a magazine or newspaper not teaching or scoring music.

Let me quickly say I am not belittling the latter. Instead, I find myself struggling to understand where I fit into the broad spectrum of careers out there in the "real world."

My perspective shifts constantly but I am not sure where it will settle.

Am I to pursue a law degree? If so, then what will I do, practice civil law, criminal law or may be even business law? Should I seek a master's in communications? May be I can become a rodeo clown and see the country.

Nevertheless, my career is not the reason I am writing. The reason I am writing lies in the fact I realize that I am different now compared to when I entered the University.

Inadvertently, a friend helped me realize the significance of this change. She described to me the end of a fraternity party and just what she saw.

As she stood outside of the party with her boyfriend, she witnessed a girl (a freshman by her estimation) dragged out of the building by two guys. The young lady was unable to stand.

I do not recall whether or not the girl was said to be vomiting but I do remember my friend told me the girl had had too much to drink.

My friend's next question alerted me to this inner change to which I had become oblivious. She asked herself, "Was I that stupid when I was a freshman?"

All of a sudden I began to wonder the same thing about myself. Now I know we all go through these great awakenings when we become seniors in high school.

We think we have some answers. We know how to fit in because we practiced the art of being cool for four years.

As I thought back to my freshman year of college, I thought... yeah, I was that stupid. I remember some of the late nights spent forcing down one more beer.

Does that mean that all freshmen are stupid and wrong for having a good time? No, it simply means I have changed. Some people call it growing up, but I have always had a problem with that term.

Doesn't growing up sound so limiting? I have always thought of myself as growing out of something instead of growing up.

After all, who wants to be limited? You can only grow up so far, can't you? On the other hand, you can always grow out of something, whether it is a pair of shoes or a relationship.

My perspective is different. Last week, I made a comment about being sprayed by a water gun. A couple of years ago, I may have laughed it off and went about my business, but today I find my reasons for being at college different.

I took offense that someone would spray me while I was between classes because I am here to finish my education not run around playing junior high games.

You know, a few years ago I probably would have run around doing something just as crazy if the circumstances would have presented themselves. Now, my perspective is different.

What does this mean to freshmen?

Absolutely nothing...now. In time your perspective will change too. You will no longer look at the weekends of vomiting as a good time. Instead of being the one your friends take care of, you will be the one taking care of your friends.

I don't think you should worry about your growth as much as you should prepare for it. Many students put off planning for a career until the next year. Before you know it, next year has passed and you are ready to have your picture taken with Dr. Webb while dressed in a funny hat.

From time to time, pay attention to how you look at situations and compare it to the year before.

If you are lucky, you will find your place in the carrer spectrum of the "real world."

If you have a thought on the subject or just a random comment, please email me at *currentsauce@alpha.nsula.edu*.

Alumni Columnist tackles hazing and shooting

With fraternities getting the pledging process rolling, we need to be clear on something. Hazing is a very bad thing. We all know this. What exactly is hazing though?

If all actions involved with the pledging a fraternity is classified as hazing, then hazing is NECESSARY.

Most responsible fraternity members (usually officers) can decide what is appropriate and make sure guidlines are followed.

Swallowing a small creature or beating a pledge is going too far and would be hazing. Having a planned kidnapping, or grilling with questions, or doing something that causes minor embarrassment is not hazing.

Neither is not being able to talk to a girl, or walk a certain way, or carry a tray for a few days. None of these actions hurt anyone. These are ways to earn what you desire, to prove yourself. These are ways to learn self sacrifice, as well. These lessons will serve you well in life after college. How meaningful is it to just be given something?

I would rather say that I earned it. I take great pride in sacrificing and earning my membership to my fraternity. If someone can't handle a little work and sacrifice, how are they going to help that organization? How are they going to make it in life?

This brings me to my next point. If you can't or don't want to work a little, just quit. Nobody forces you to join. As I see it, if you don't want to do something, that's all right. You don't have to. I would feel a little less of myself if I didn't, though.

So remember, having pledge names or participating in reasonable activities only make you a better person for the fraternity.....and in life.

Chris Conway
Alumni Columnist

If you think Chris is full of it or right on feel free to contact him at:

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Most people believe that the recent shooting sweeping the nation are due to lack of religion in schools and not enough gun laws. Both of these ideas are wrong.

It should not be the responsibility of an educational institution to teach morals and values. This should be taught at home. The school just reenforces them. Todays parents are not doing their job, however. Some are too selfish, while others just don't care.

The number of broken homes in the USA is staggering. This leads to a less than stellar generation, with more mental problems. As far as guns go, there are too many laws now. The only thing that gun laws do are penelize the law abiding citizen. If someone is going to break the law, they're not going to worry about breaking a gun law. If they want a gun, they'll find a gun. If a licensed gun carrier had been around that church in Ft. Worth, there might have been less bloodshed. Also, criminals might think twice about committing crimes, knowing that his victim might be packing. Besides, there are crazy people out there. (Probably from those broken homes.) Don't punish the majority for a few bad seeds.

One last important point to think about. The right to a firearm is a Constitutional right. As soon as you allow one freedom to removed from the Constitution, that gives the green light to remove others. The powers that be may deem it necessary. Don't think they wouldn't do it. After all, they would be no guns for anyone to take arms against the opressor.

Columnist speaks of time

In the 3rd Chapter of Ecclesiastes, we'll find that there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

It lists various occurrences such as: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to get, and a time to lose.

Verse after verse, we clearly see that there's a time for every activity in our lives. God, in his goodness and love toward each of us, has made everything beautiful in its particular time.

In today's hurry-hurry society, we sometimes don't take the time to find out God's will concerning a particular situation. Between weekly deadlines and busy schedules, it seems impossible to seek His purpose for our lives and answers to trials that face us daily.

"This professor wants this done by the end of the week!"

"This professor wants a rough draft of my paper by next week!"

"My supervisor has scheduled me to work 40 hours this week!"

"My family situation is extremely chaotic and I need to go home!"

"I need to get this here and I need to get that there"

This can be very tasking on a person both physically and emotionally because I have been in those exact situations. We can easily get preoccupied with other things, that we may inadvertently miss a season that God is trying to bring us into.

For example, He may be leading you into a season of reaping benefits that you've previously sown into someone else's life. Maybe, it is your season to just take some time for yourself and concentrate on what He will have you to do and your relationship with Him.

Sometimes, He will set you on a particular course, only for a set amount of time, to accomplish a specific purpose. Whatever God has for you, it is for you! You should take the time to find out, what season am I in at this point in my life?

A lot of us are living beneath our privileges because we don't know who we are in Him or who He will have us to be! Never allow negative influences, images, or people deter you from reaching your full potential in Christ. I can remember missing several seasons that God wanted to establish in my life. I failed because my focus was not Him. My vision of what God was trying to do concerning my situation was blurred because of people. I encourage you to find out what season God wants to move you into at this point. Spend quality time alone with Him in prayer so He can reveal Himself to you. Find out whose life you can help change? Inquire about smart business investments? Discuss problems that you and your mate may be experiencing. Ask Him to lead and guide you into all righteousness.

Your life is a precious gift from God. What you do with it, is your gift to Him. I know I will give Him a great gift! What about you?

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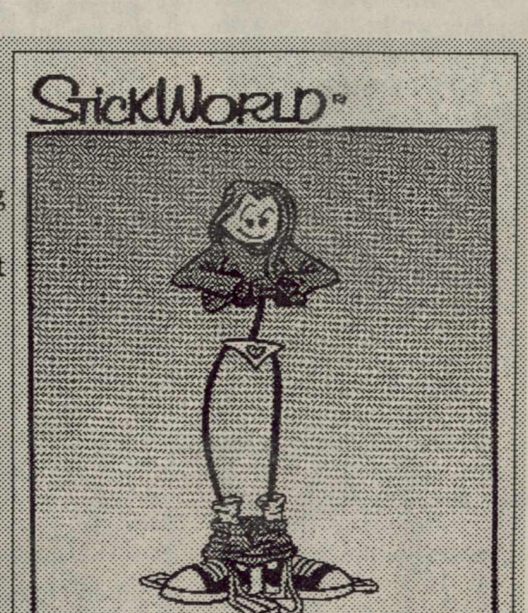


Sixth Sense

with Rondray Hill

Good news, Demon fans. Conference play is finally here!

After a "Sixth Sense" scary non-conference schedule, which included road games against two Division I schools and one Division I-AA powerhouse, the Demons finally open Southland conference play this Saturday at Turpin Stadium against the Nicholls State Colonels.

Kickoff is set for 6:00.

The demons will face a nicholls team (1-2) which is, for the time being, tied for first place in the Southland standings with Stephen F. Austin. In a game that would make Steve Spurrier and most of the SEC proud, the Colonels racked up 606 yards of total offense, including 456 passing yards in a defense-optional 45-42 win over Jacksonville State.

.The Demons (1-3) come into this game once again trying to shake the turnover bug. in their last game against UL-Monroe, the Demons outgained the Indians in total offense by 144 yards. But turnovers and mistakes cost the Demons once again at the most crucial of times during the game. The Indians defense scored three touchdowns, all of interceptions and thrown by three different quarterbacks.

One place the Demons will want to turnaround is in the turnover department. The Demons have turned the ball over 18 times so far this season, most in the nation.

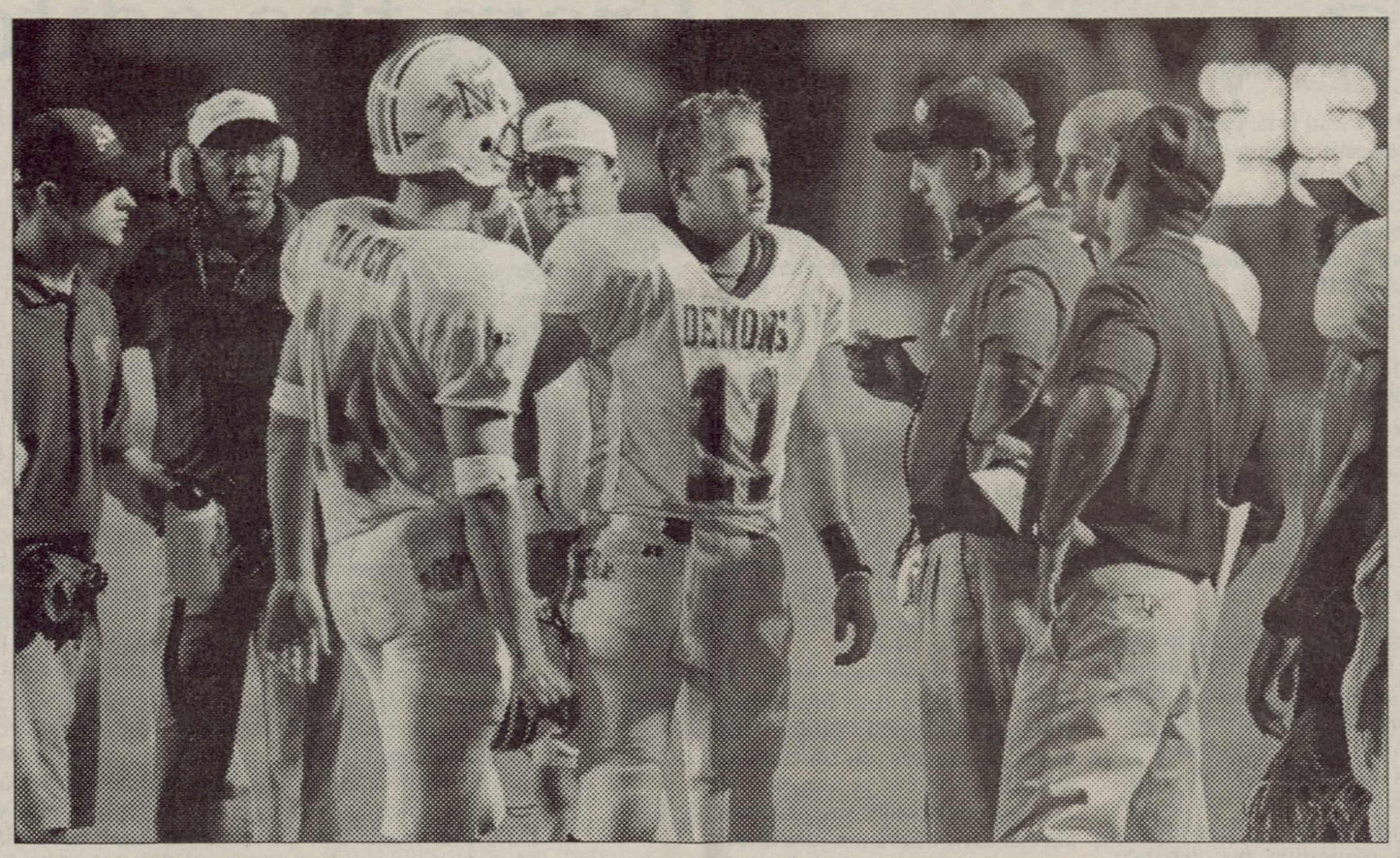
The Demon offense also got the ball inside the Indian 10 yard line twice. Both times, they walked away with no points. The Demons also missed four field goal opportunities.

Coach Sam Goodwin, who is one win away from his 100th win at NSU, will put senior Quarterback Brad Spangler back in the starting spot. Spangler, who had been out since the opening game against Southern, received playing time in the second half against Louisiana-Monroe. Spangler showed signs of coming back to his old form, completing 7 of 21 passes for 78 yards. Tony Taylor continues to shine for the Demons as he picked up his 3rd 100+ yard rushing game.

The Demon defense has answered almost every challenge put forth by opposing teams, and they'll need to come up big again against the Colonels. QB Brad Smith was named Southland, Louisiana and National player of the week after his 5-TD performance at Jacksonville. The Demon secondary will also have to watch Wide receiver Sullivan Beard, who caught 2 touchdowns for 97 and 80 yards.

Defensively, the Colonels don't bring much to the table. They're ranked 6th in the conference so far, allowing 408 yards a game. The Demons are ranked 3rd, giving up only 277 yards.

Under coach Goodwin, the Demons are 13-3 against Nicholl's and 18-8 overall. The two teams will also battle for the "NSU Challenge trophy," initiated by the SGAs of both schools in 1993. The Demons have won the trophy 5 times in 6 tries.



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Now Spangler...one more time...we're the guys in the white jerseys.

Demons scalped by Indians

Football falls victim to the turnovers once again

CADE BRUMLEY
SAUCE REPORTER

"I'm just really disappointed that we didn't execute any better. A lot of it was at the quarterback position. You just can't hand them 21 points," stated NSU head football coach Sam Goodwin after three NSU quarterbacks combined for a total of four interceptions and his team was defeated 38-7 by the ULM Indians at Malone Stadium in Monroe.

NSU quarterback Brad Spangler returned from injury Saturday night. In his much-anticipated debut, he threw seven completions totaling 78 yards. However, he did throw two interceptions into the hands of Indian defenders. These interceptions that were both returned for touchdowns, and included an 88 yard return which according to Goodwin took the hopes of comeback away.

"I felt good after being out for so long. It was unfortunate the way it turned out, but it felt good to get back on the field," voiced Spangler when asked about playing for the first time in three games.

Also, a positive Spangler stressed that the defense is playing well, but offensively, they are still trying to find their chemistry.

"We're going to go with Brad (Spangler) and live or die with him from this point on assuming he's healthy. He didn't move around too good tonight, but I think he's gotten better each day this week. I think next week, if he didn't get hurt today, (his game) should be improved," affirmed Goodwin.

Tailback Tony Taylor, who rushed for 116 yards in the first quarter last week, was still productive. Taylor gained 103 net yards off 23 carries against ULM for an average gain of 4.5 yards an attempt.

"Tony's a heck of a player," acknowledged Goodwin.

Starting Quarterback Aubrey Jones gained 184 yards off 25 attempts, to include a 60 yard long completed to Bernard Green which brought the Demons to the ULM 15 yard line. This drive was ended by missed Justin Hebert field goal attempt that soared wide left. Hebert, who was last weeks Southland Conference special teams player of the week, didn't fair as well in this outing.

"Last week he hit everything he kicked. I thought Justin would be the guy who would do the best job. Obviously, I was wrong," a disappointed Goodwin stated.

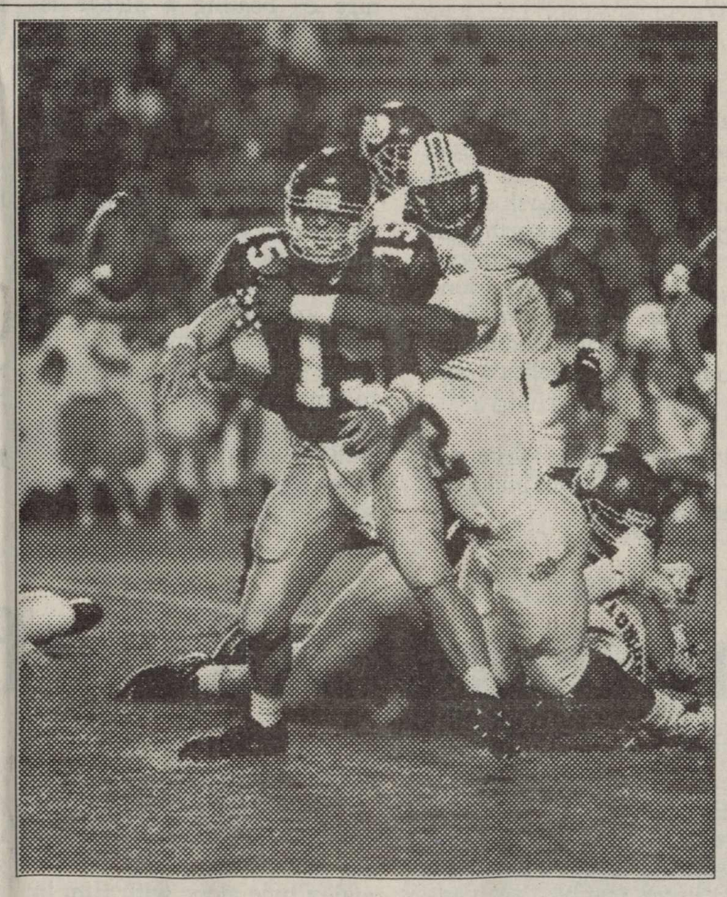
The score really didn't dictate the type of game that was played. The Demons had over twice as many first downs and passed for 232 more yards than the ULM Indians.

An upset Nathan Black stated, "there was a lot of good players out there doing a lot of good things. I don't know what it's going to take for us to come out here and play as a team. We see a lot of good things happening for us, but we're just not capitalizing."

ULM quarterback Andy Chance led the Indian rushing and passing attack with 91 yards gained on the ground and 33 through the air.

"I'm disappointed in the way we defended the quarterback. The big plays they got (on offense) were on scrambles, and a lot of them were on third and long situations. That really hurt us," voiced Goodwin.

The Demons are looking forward for a chance at redemption. They will get their opportunity next week in front of a home crowd, as they begin their quest for the Southland Conference title against Nicholls State.



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The Purple Swarm effectively "hones " the Indian offense as the Demons outgained the ULM in total offensive yards.

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USA comes from behind at Ryder Cup

The USA's Ryder Cup team - seemingly buried entering the final day - rose from the dead to stun Europe and reclaim the international golfing trophy.

Victories in the first six singles matches Sunday brought the Americans within striking distance, but it was Justin Leonard - four down with seven holes to play - who roared back against Jose Maria Olazabal to clinch the 28-match, three-day event.

Leonard drained a dramatic 40-foot putt on No. 17 en route to earning the vital half point. No team in the earlier 32 showdowns between the Americans and Europeans had ever come back from more than two points going into the final day.

Reds win despite Mac's 61st

Pokey Reese hit a three-run homer in the 12th inning as the Cincinnati Reds overcame Mark McGwire's 60th homer and continued their headlong rush toward the playoffs Sunday with a 7-5 victory over St. Louis.

The Reds have won five of six games and moved a game ahead of the N.Y. Mets in the NL wild-card race. McGwire's solo shot in the eighth inning off Scott Sullivan made him the third player to hit 400 homers in a decade.

It also made McGwire the second to get 61 homers twice. Sammy Sosa reached the 60-60 mark eight days earlier.

Volleyball drops one to UTA

The Northwestern State Demons (7-6, 1-3 in the SLC), after losing big in game one, fought back and gave the conference-leading Texas Arlington Mavericks (6-6, 4-0 in the SLC) all they could handle Friday evening, but NSU eventually dropped the Southland Conference match 3-1.

NSU lost the first game of the match 15-1, but bounced back in the second game with a 15-13 victory. The Mavericks were able to hold off the Demons and take games three and four, 15-9 and 15-10, to improve to a perfect 4-0 in Southland Conference play.

Abner posts great game despite loss

Junior Lisa Abner had 16 kills and 17 digs as Northwestern State (7-5,1-2 in the SLC) defeated Louisiana at Monroe (1-10, 0-3 in the SLC) 17-15, 15-12, 15-9 in Southland Conference volleyball action Tuesday evening.

Abner, a sophomore from Indianapolis, Ind., stopped the Indians' momentum time and time again as the Demons had to come from behind in all three games, including game one after ULM had game point at 14-13. The victory was the first SLC win for the Demons this season and the first ever conference win for head coach James Onikeku.

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Soccer drops three conference games

KALEB BREAUX
SAUCE REPORTER

On Wednesday September the 22nd, conference rivals Stephen F. Austin rolled into Natchitoches to face our Lady Demons. The event was big, but the outcome was catastrophic.

The match, which was played well into the evening, was decided on a overtime goal scored by SFA.

The goal was scored on a rebound after a diving Tiffany Swingler save.

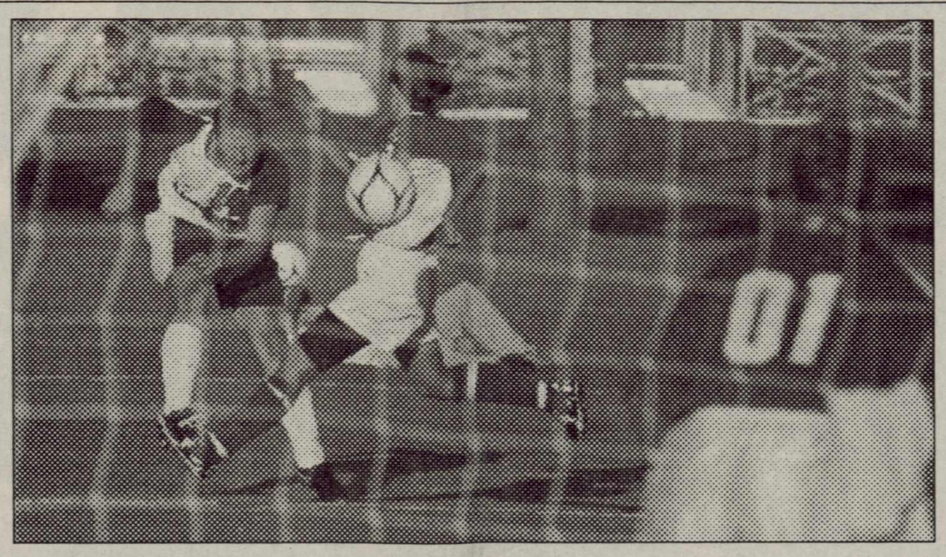
However, the outcome of this game was not all bad. The defense, which seems to be the nucleus for the Lady Demons as of late, held SFA scoreless until overtime. Tiffany Swingler, whose saves keep stacking up, had another stellar performance. Swingler recorded 5 saves on the day.

Northwestern had their chances to convert turnovers into goals, but they never got great shots on the goal.

Brittany Cargill led the Lady Demon attack with 7 shots on goal. Danielle Cornwell, who was injured and will miss the rest of the season with a broken arm, added 5 shots on goal.

The loss dropped the Lady Demons to 4-4-1 over all and 0-2-1 in conference play.

On Saturday, the Lady Demons found themselves at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX facing Texas Tech.



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Brittany Cargill makes a break for the goal against Stephen F. Austin.

Texas Tech recorded 27 shots on the goal, while Northwestern was only able to manufactor 5.

Tiffany Swingler came away with 12 saves, but allowed 3 goals.

Texas Tech was only up by a goal at the half. 2 of Tech's 3 goals came late in the second half.

Brittany Cargill came away with 2 of Northwestern's 3 shots on goal.

This dropped Northwestern's record to 4-5-1.

On Monday, the Lady Demons took on Southeastern Louisiana in a conference match up. Northwestern lost a 2-1 heartbreaker in overtime.

Northwestern's Kerri Kahanek scored first on a cross in the 64th minute of play. The goal was assisted by Brittany Cargill. However, the Lady Demons could not hold Southeastern.

Southeastern scored in the 76th minute of play. At the end of regulation, the score was 1-1.

The final and fatal blow was dealt by Southeastern in overtime in the 99th minute of the game.

Tiffany Swingler (Northwestern), once again, had another great day in goal. Swingler saved 10 shots on the day.

Northwestern combined for 20 shots on goal, and was only able to convert one into a goal.

The loss dropped NSU to 4-6-1 overall, and 0-3-1 in conference play.

"Our concentration level going late into the game has got to get better," says Coach Mitchell. "We've got to start winning these close games."

One-on-One with Pistons' Joe Dumars

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

Many times, sports writers like myself can get too involved with the "work" part of sports writing. The long drive to out-of-town games, the same ole' stale "Well we have to take each game one at a time" quotes from players, and being buried with all those "1 out of 1,000,000" statistics and mindless numbers.

I'll admit, I've fallen under that category myself. I had forgotten why I've always wanted to be a sports journalist.

Then something happens to make you realize why you do the thing you love so much. Call it a "professional revelation" if you want to.

Last Friday, I not only got to meet, but interview one of the greatest basketball players to ever walk the hardwood. Joe Dumars, an Natchitoches-born-and-raised player who played his entire pro career with the Detroit Pistons, was in town to speak at a Boys and Girls club dinner in the Student Union Ballroom. Dumars retired at the end of last season after 14 years with the Pistons.

Not only did I get to talk basketball with a guy who shared the floor with basketball greats like Dr.J, Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson, I got to talk with a guy who I had grown up idolizing since I was about 9.

And I'm only 19!

I'm from Michigan, and it's kind of a rule that if you're from Michigan, you support Michigan teams, no matter how bad they were. Joe Dumars was a member of the greatest basketball team assembled, in my opinion (and I'll argue this with anyone who wants to).

They were called the "Bad Boys". You thought guys in the NBA today talk trash, please. These guy were the inventors of trash talk and the "East Coast " style of basketball. Rough, hard, sometimes dirty, but always competitive.

They were the Deans of the "Old School".

There was Isaiah "Zeke" Thomas; smooth as silk. He could dribble around anybody, anytime, anywhere.

Dennis Rodman; he wasn't as "bad" then as he is now, but the man could still snatch rebounds off the glass better than anyone.

Bill Laimbeer; If you LOOKED at him the wrong way you could expect an elbow to the jaw.

Vinnie "The Microwave" Johnson; they called him the Microwave cause he'd heat up on the court faster than Shreveport in July.

And of course, there was Mr. Dumars.

Joe was the MVP of the '89 NBA final. He dropped 27.3 points on Magic Johnson and the Lakers in four games! He and the rest of the "Bad Boys" schooled Mikey, Scottie, and the rest of the Bulls for 3 straight years in the Eastern Conference finals. This guy is a future Hall-of-Famer.

The interview lasted about 10 minutes. We talked about his speech, what he wanted the youngsters to get out of it and how he wanted to live out his retirement. He made it clear that what he's done in the NBA can be attained by any youngster, but it takes more than talent. It takes hard work and lots of dedication. "Most people can tell you how you can do anything you want to do, which is true. But there's a second half to that story," he said. " My message is that there will be times when you hit stumbling blocks and you've got to pick yourself up."

He also told the kids in attendance to never forget where you come from. Dumars, who still has family here in Natchitoches, said to the crowd "there's nothing like walking to your mother's kitchen after being gone for a while."

But in the back of my mind, I really wanted to talk basketball with him. I asked him every question I could think of. Questions like, "Better point guard?-Isaiah or Grant", "What was it like to sweep the Lakers and dominate the Bulls", "How does it feel to tell people 'I was the NBA Final's Most Valuable Player?". I think I could've fired those questions at him all day long.

Turns out, Isaiah is, in mine and his opinion, the better point guard (although Grant is coming along), Beating the Bulls was "an awesome feeling, especially to beat them on their home court," and that being MVP of the finals is " great because I grew up watching them on TV back in the '80's and then I got to play against the greats."

And not once was a dull statistic brought up, nor was there dry cliché about "hitting the boards more". It was just a conversation. One that I had envisioned myself having when I became a "big-time" sports anchor. Not a conversation I thought I'd have on the campus of NSU and definitely not with one of the greatest players to play the game.

But then again, that's why I chose this job. And I guess that's true about every major on this campus. Whether you want to discover a cure for Cancer or send a rocket to the moon, at some point, you'll remember why you want to do what it is you want to do.

It's already happened to me. I even got his AUTOGRAPH!!

The Sady Way... ...The only true way

Refs blinded during Soccer game, girl gets clotheslined

BRYAN SATAWA
SAUCE REPORTER

I was having a great day last Wednesday, and after my usual racquetball workout I decided to go to the Demon soccer game. Well I get there with 35 minutes left in the second half, and was enjoying the game for about ten minutes. Then I was slowly getting upset at the referee. (I use that term very loosely)

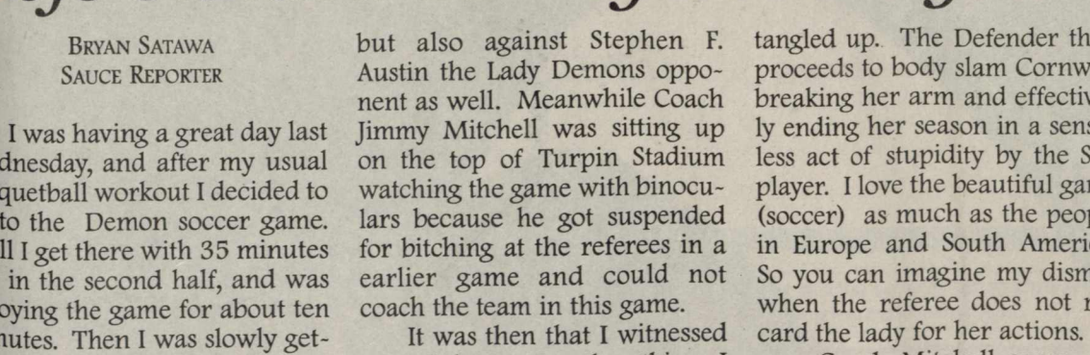
It was quite obvious to me that the official was losing control of the game. He was making bad calls not only against us, but also against Stephen F. Austin the Lady Demons opponent as well. Meanwhile Coach Jimmy Mitchell was sitting up on the top of Turpin Stadium watching the game with binoculars because he got suspended for bitching at the referees in a earlier game and could not coach the team in this game.

It was then that I witnessed one of the most gutless things I have ever seen at a sporting event in my life. After the ball was kicked away Lady Demon Danielle Cornwell and SFA's defender got their arms tangled up. The Defender then proceeds to body slam Cornwell breaking her arm and effectively ending her season in a senseless act of stupidity by the SFA player. I love the beautiful game (soccer) as much as the people in Europe and South America. So you can imagine my dismay when the referee does not red card the lady for her actions.

Coach Mitchell comes off his perch at the football stadium and gets in the ambulance with Cornwell to the hospital. Play then resumes and finally I could not take it anymore. it took less then five minutes and the first F#&# comes out of my mouth. Then the crazy Cajun in me came out and I just started freely cursing the ref out in Cajun French and Spanish.

The game ended with the Lady Demons losing in overtime 1-0. It is truly sad that our girls had to play against the defender and a very unsportswomen like team in SFA. It is even worse when you are playing in a game like that with a incompetent referee. This referee in my mind was a accomplice to a assault. This guy should not be allowed to ref in a Southland Conference game again or any other game for that matter. Greg Burke our Athletic Director has assured me that steps are being taken in that direction.

I truly hope that this is the case because if I see him again it is on. Hats should go off to the Demon soccer team for their sportsmen like conduct during and after the game. They in my mind were truly the winners in this game on and off the field even though they lost the game and a teammate.



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Jessica Smith and helps out on the net by attempting a block with assistance from April George.

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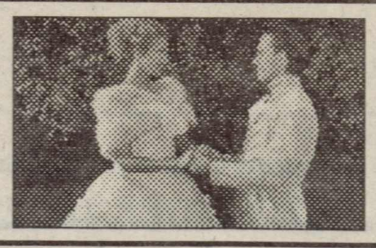

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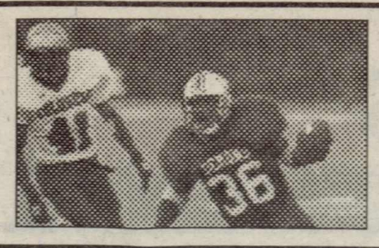

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Students' voices heard at election polls

Homecoming court, SGA senators, Mr. and Miss NSU chosen over two week period

JONI NAQUIN
SAUCE REPORTER

The election results are in. Within the last two weeks over 900 students turned out to vote for Mr and Miss NSU, Homecoming Court and SGA elections.

Seniors William Broussard and Angelique Duhon will officially represent the Univeristy as this year's Mr. and Miss NSU.

Some of Broussard's many accomplishments include: Varsity football for the Demons, President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Rhodes Scholar candidate, Burger King Athlete Award winner, featured in the August edition of New Man Christian magazine, and he was also featured in Victory Magazine .

Duhon's honors and accomplishments include: Student Government Association vice-president 1998-99, Louisiana's Vice-Presidents' Committee Conference of Student Government Associations Delegate 1997-1998, President Phi Mu Fraternity, Greek 1010 Facilitator, Freshman Connector, Homecoming Court 1998, Who's Who Nominee, Panhellenic Woman of the Year 1998 and Gamma Sigma Alpha.

"In my eyes, Miss NSU is the highest honor that a female college student can attain at Northwestern," Duhon said. "To be voted Miss NSU is overwhelming."

William Broussard and Angelique Duhon have been chosen by University students to serve as Mr. and Miss NSU for the 1999-2000 year. Approximately 900 students voted for Mr. and Miss NSU, Homecoming and SGA senator positions.

Not only was Duhon voted Miss NSU by the student body, she was also voted Homecoming Queen.

"I am excited and deeply honored to represent NSU as Homecoming Queen and Miss NSU," she said. "I know that years' from now, I will look back on this semester as being one of the best times in my life."

Duhon's Homecoming Court includes: Casey Ashley, Erin Brown, Virginia Dixon, Tasha Jackson, Jaime McElroy, Camille Nunez, Allison Nunley, Rashunda Sims, and Emily Tracy.

"It's an awesome feeling," Nunez said. "Because it's knowing that the honor was given to us by the student body and knowing that I am representing NSU."

Nunez is especially looking forward to the Homecoming Parade, where her dad will drive her to the pep rally.

Allison Nunley is also looking forward to the Parade as one of the highlights of the week.

"I can't wait to ride to the pep rally in the car," Nunley said. "It's an honor to be chosen, and it's even an honor to be just nominated. It's the last thing I expected."

Other winners of the elections include the new SGA senators.

The freshmen class senators are Sharon Tohline and Shymika Stephenson. The new sophomore class senators are Margaret Vincent and Leanna Anderson. The returning junior senators are Rusty Broussard and JuJuan Allen. The new senators-at-large are Sametria Samuel and Sarah "Britt" Ulmer.

Two arrested in connection with motel robberies

GREGORY J. GELPI
SAUCE REPORTER

Natchitoches police arrested Cory Oliphant, 28, of Amanda Drive in Natchitoches and a 16-year-old juvenile Wednesday for allegedly robbing three local motels.

Police booked the two on one count of armed robbery and two counts of second-degree robbery. Oliphant was also charged with the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

"We had been robbed once at the Holiday Inn in about July and twice at the Best Western in the last month," said Jay Sharplin, owner of both the Holiday Inn and Best Western. "Other than this, we've had no problems."

The most recent robbery occurred at the Best Western around 11:30 p.m. Sept. 27.

"The men were arrested after a tip came in to police [Wednesday] afternoon linking them to the robberies," the Natchitoches police's statement said.

Sharplin said, "With all of the media coverage, they started bragging about it, and someone ratted them out."

In response to the robberies, both Sharplin and police have increased security measures.

"We have added video cameras to both motels and the police are patrolling much more," Sharplin said.

Police held the juvenile at the Northwest Juvenile Detention Center in Coushatta and Oliphant at the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center.

No bond has been set because Oliphant was on parole at the time of his arrest.

"Investigators are certain that other charges will come on the other three robberies at the other motels as soon as the evidence is gathered," according to a statement issued by Natchitoches police.

University budget in excess of $43 million

Breakdown of Your Student Self-Assessed

Artist Series	.75
Recreational Complex Fee-	
Seasonal Supplement	$5.00
Student Government	$2.25
Potpourri	$20.00
Current Sauce	$3.00
Argus	$1.00
KNWD	$3.00
Student Drama	$1.00
Union Board Drama	$1.00
Intramural Fees	$5.00
Rodeo Team	$1.00
Student Union Programs	$10.00
Alumni	.50
Club Sports	$2.00
Student Association	
Speaker Program	$1.00
Rowing Team	$2.00
Intramural Renovations	$75.00
TOTAL	**$133.50**

The information regarding the list of 1999-2000 University student-assessed fees was provided by the Student Government Association.

JONI NAQUIN
SAUCE REPORTER

The requested budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year is a total of $43,569,397. Every dollar of the $43 million has a certain spot allocated for it to be spent.

There are 12 functions for the expenditures of the money. They include instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional services, scholarships and fellowships, plant operation and maintenance, E & G expenditures, transfers, athletics and ACT 971.

Each function is further divided into departments for the money to be spent. Each of the departments has an independent budget of its own.

For example, the department of education falls under the instruction function. The department has a projected budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year of $1,382,159.

The department is then subdivided into more detailed expenditures. The first expenditure would be personnel services. Salaries, compensations and benefits fall under personnel services. The projected total of the salaries is about $1,146,389, and the compensations projected total is around $10,600. Benefits are expected to total about $208,320. The department of education also has operating expenses. Operating expenses are broken down into three smaller categories. They include travel at $5,850, operating services at $6,375 and supplies at $4,625. The total cost of the support and operating expenses comes to $16,850. Personnel services comes to a total of $16,850. The totals from personnel services ($1,365,309) and support costs ($16,850) equal the total expenditures for the education department.

Each department has a budget that is broken down like the education department. The only difference is the amount of money designated to each department.

The second function is research. The research function also has departments that receive a budget. In fact, all 12 functions have departments and detailed expenditures like that of the institution function.

So where do the students' fees go? A full-time student in 1999-2000 pays $825 for tuition, $10 for a building use fee, $25 for an academic enhancement fee and $55 for a technology fee. These fees total $920. On top of that, a student also pays $15 for a student records fee, $5 for assessment test fees, $60 for a student union fee, $15 for the recreational complex fee and $15 for student insurance. These few University Assessed Fees come to $110.

In addition to these fees, there are the Student Assessed

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National "Make A Difference Day"

JENNIFER STEPHENS
GUEST SAUCE REPORTER

Millions of people across the country are expected to participate in the ninth annual Make A Difference Day on Oct. 23.

As the largest community service event in the nation, Make A Difference Day encourages individuals and organizations to do volunteer projects to improve their communities and help others in need.

Resia Minshew, a social work major and participant in the event, hopes that many campus organizations will get involved as well.

"It is a good way for organizations to get involved in the community and recognize the needs of others in the community," said Minshew.

Some people may be reluctant to get involved because they feel their contributions are too small to make a difference.

"Everybody can do something to help out," said Nikki Walker, social work major and participant. "It does not have to be anything big because every little bit helps."

Ten awards of $10,000 each will be donated by actor Paul Newman and his food company to outstanding volunteer projects. Two awards of $2,000 will also be donated by Wal-Mart to projects in each state.

Every Wal-Mart store offers a $1000 grant to fund a major project or to split among several projects.

Women's old gym to undergo remodeling

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The process of renovating the old women's gym began Sept. 24.

That day the University started to advertise for bids to remodel the gym. Bids will be accepted on Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. in the facility plant in Baton Rouge, said John E. Winston, vice president of University Affairs. Construction should be finished in November 2000, and the building occupied in January 2001.

"In construction, nothing is set in stone," Winston said. "All the plans are semi-firm. Money is the only thing that can hold us back."

The contractors must bid in the price range, and the lowest responsible bidder will get the contract, Winston said.

The project is funded by the government, with a total budget of $3.3 million, said Loran Lindsey, head of the Physical Plant.

"We feel confident we have a budget we can meet," Lindsey said.

Included in the budget is $135,000 that was used to clean and remove asbestos from the building, and $200,000 for furniture. Insurance is paying for construction of a new roof, deck, and other items, Winston said.

According to a press release from the University, the fire, which occurred in November 1997, "...gutted the interior of the building," said Bob Hebert, fire chief of Natchitoches. "The fire began on the first floor of the building and worked its way up to the roof."

"The fire might have helped us some," Lindsey said. "The contractors can see everything now."

The gym will hold three classroom labs, a seminar room, a library, seven private offices, three open area offices, one lounge, one lecture hall, along with restrooms, elevators, mechanical rooms, closets, and stairs, Winston said. The third floor will remain unfinished.

"We'll have another attractive old building," Lindsey said.

Construction should be finished by January 2001.

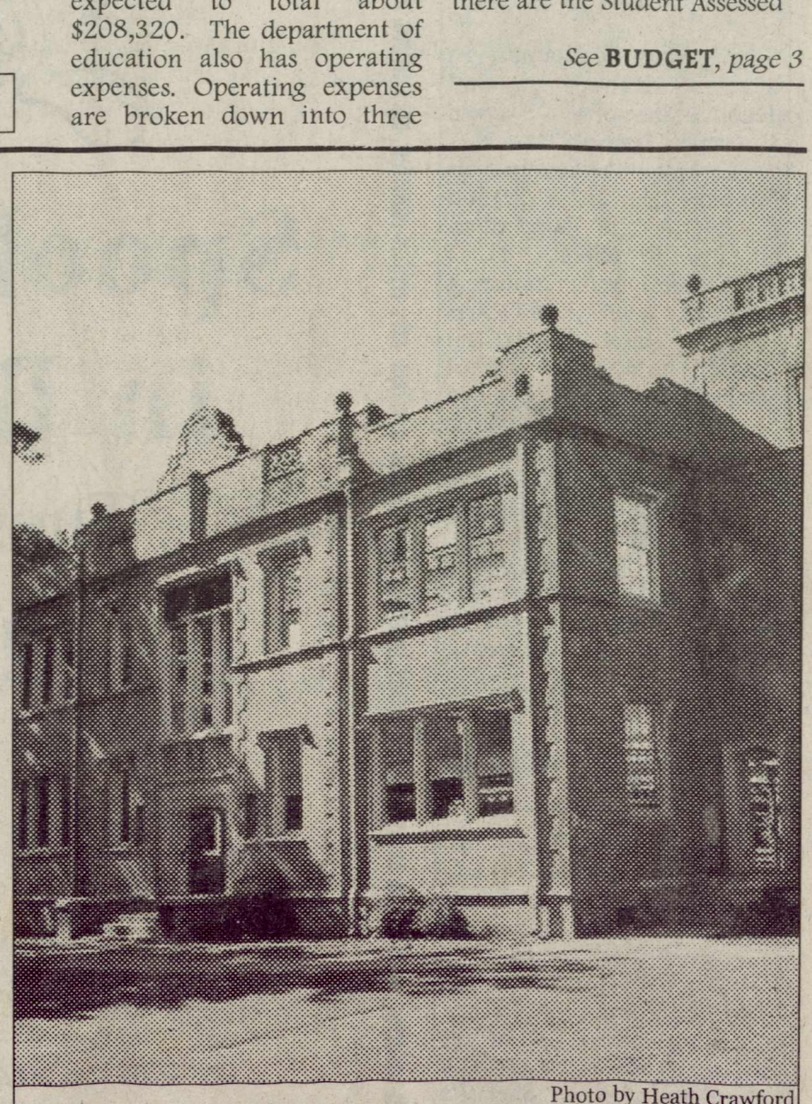

Photo by Heath Crawford

Construction on the old women's gym will begin soon and should be opened by January 2001.

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Rosie visits Shreveport

The Rosie O'Donnell Show featured clips and interviews from Shreveport during yesterday's broadcast.

O'Donnell visited Captain Shreve High School, where she put on a band hat and jacket and marched with the band. O'Donnell and her film crew also visited a card store and the Caddo Clerk of Court's Office.

The visit was prompted when KTBS-TV cancelled O'Donnell's talk show. O'Donnell promised to visit the city if KTBS-TV returned her show to the air.

Donkeys blessed before trip to Honduras

A priest blessed 10 Mammoth Jack donkeys, a giant breed of donkey, Sunday before the donkeys were sent to help victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras.

The donkeys will be bred with Honduran mares to produce mules capable of doing hard labor.

Heifer Project International, a Little Rock-based charity, collected the donkeys.

Rev. Richard Davis, from St. Francis Roman Catholic Church of Little Italy, Ark., performed the blessing.

Hurricane Mitch killed more than 5,600 people in Honduras last October.

New testimony hurts Edwards

Former Gov. Edwin Edwards and his co-defendants received damaging news last week as new testimony was released.

Retired state Judge A. Foster "Foxy" Sanders III pled guilty Friday to one of the 43 counts against him in exchange for testimony indicting Edwards and his co-defendants of making threats and bribary.

Sanders could have faced up to 230 years in prison and $15 million in fines, but his reduced sentence is no more than six months in prison and a $25,000 fine.

Expenses mounting in cleanup effort

Expenses are mounting in the cleanup and decontamination of the Shreveport Festival Plaza.

Last month's cleanup costs ran more than $120,000, and the total cost of the cleanup could be $12 million.

Cleanup occurred during the Red River Revel Arts Festival, which began last month and runs until Saturday. The city of Shreveport discovered contamination in the forms of arsenic in the soil and undergound tanks leaking formaldehyde in August.

After beginning the cleanup and decontamination process, Shreveport officials are hesitant about backing out.

Colorado plant explosion kills worker

An explosion and fire Sunday at a western Colorado construction materials plant killed one worker and injured another, authorities said.

A small fire broke out near the paint room of the Louisiana-Pacific plant at about 1:30 p.m., The Montrose County Sheriff's Office said.

Commemoration plans underway for deceased University professor

Larry Collins
Contributing Writer

Plans are being made for many acts of remembrance in dedication to Ms. Liz Caroll, one of the most loved and respected members of the University's faculty.

Many organizations on the campus are set to dedicate awards, programs and ceremonies for Caroll, who passed away June 30.

"There has been some talk of some student groups trying to start a scholarship," said Reatha Cox, director of New Student Programs.

Cox also said that she could not think of any other person in recent years that lived the University motto of students coming first more than Caroll.

"I mean, students came from as far as Indianapolis for her funeral," Cox said.

Carl Henry, director of the Student Union, agreed.

"She touched a lot of lives, and they are giving something back," Henry said.

Caroll (or Ms. Liz, as she was affectionately called) had been revered as a friend and confidant of many students, and received many awards such as the Student Activities Board's Robert W. Wilson Award and the Theta Chi Fraternity Helping Hand Award.

"If she would have let them, they would have voted for her every year," Cox said.

This year's Lady of the Bracelet pageant will have a special dedication to Caroll because she was such a supporter of the pageant, Henry said.

"That was her baby...she loved it," said former Lady of the Bracelet Chair, Ashlee Crooks.

Cox agreed that "she was the creative force behind that pageant... that was her heart and soul."

Henry added that the annual SAB Lend-A-Hand—Give-A-Can program may be renamed in honor of Caroll.

Crooks is working on a memorial ceremony involving former members of the SAB.

"She didn't want us t[o] [cry]... She wanted all of he[r] SAB students to have whit[e] balloons and do a balloo[n] release," Crooks said

"That's the way she was; sh[e] celebrated everything," Crook[s] continued.

There will also be a specia[l] dedication in the next Potpourr[i] for Caroll.

Potpourri reporter Erica Reynolds said that she did no[t] know Caroll, but through writing the story for th[e] yearbook, she has come t[o] understand why students lov[e] her so much.

Caroll has worked for th[e] University for years, but ha[s] only been working in th[e] Student Union full-time sinc[e] 1993.

University trash problem improving

Mary A. Freeman
Contributing Writer

The litter problem at the University is decreasing.

"I don't really think it's a problem," said Madi Rozas, sophomore. "You always see the maintenance people around cleaning, and I think it helps."

Other students agree with Madi.

"I think that litter has become a decreasing problem since I've been here," said Niko Tesvich, senator at large.

"I think it's a decreasing problem," said Ryan Slaughter, junior. "I've noticed that they've started putting more trash cans around school. There are two new ones in the shrubbery near Kyser."

"I think that the problem is mainly cigarette butts around Kyser," said Katie Serenbetz, freshman. "I think that we need more ashtrays. NSU is a pretty clean campus besides the cigarette butts and an occasional cup here or there."

While the problem of litter may be decreasing, it still exists.

"One of the worst sights I've seen in a long time was the Sabine, Rapides, and Iberville area," Vice-President of University Affairs John Winston said. "We had to police the area twice. People cleaned out their cars and dumped their ashtrays in the parking lot. It shows a lack of respect for the school."

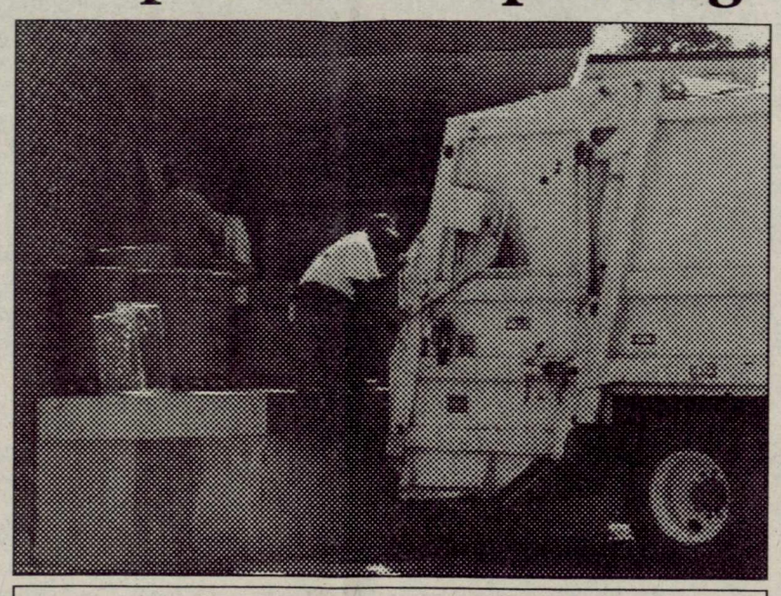

Photo by Courtney Payne
Excess trash around the University has been a major problem this fall. Recently campus efforts have improved the trash conditions. Outside Vic's was a bad spot for litter, but now the area has improved.

"I think it's a disgusting habit," said Regan Slaughter, junior.

Some of the students and staff feel that the continuing problem is due to a general attitude people have.

"I think that it's a serious problem in the lack of respect from students and the general public," Winston said. "It's an attitudinal problem."

Some students feel that recycling would help.

"I feel that Northwestern could cut down on the littering problem with a recycling program," said Regan Slaughter.

"I am disappointed that we don't recycle anymore," Rozas said.

"We established a recycling program a couple years ago," said Winston, "but there wasn't a market. It went the way of the dinosaurs."

On average, four tons of trash are produced by the University daily, said Winston.

Over 1,800 attend Technology Fair

Heath Crawford
Contributing Writer

Northwestern students were "schooled" Wednesday on Watson Library's new technology during the Library Technology Fair.

The main purpose of the technology fair was to improve both the student's and the public's computer literacy level.

The fair marked the debut of unified workstations for Watson Library. The students are now able to do all their searching from one computer instead of having to go from one computer to another.

"If you had come to the library before to do research you would have had to use one computer to do the on-line catalog in some indexes, then another to do the remaining indexes," Abbie Landry, reference librarian said. "Now they're all together on one computer."

Another advantage of the new unified workstations is that they offer the new InfoTrac Web and the latest version of Lexis-Nexis which are both full-text databases. These servers also offer select journals and magazine articles in their entirety.

The library staff gave demonstrations on the use of these new systems.

"We're doing demonstrations, plus having the students do a hands-on exercise so we know they at least have an idea of what's going on," Landry said.

Ada Jarred, director of th[e] library, said the students too[k] advantage of th[e] demonstrations.

"We trained over 35[0] students on the ne[w] workstations," Jarred said.

After successful completio[n] of the demonstration, th[e] students were allowed t[o] register for a giveaway with [a] new laptop computer as th[e] prize. The computer wa[s] donated by the Honor Society o[f] Phi Kappa Phi.

Though many of th[e] students went to the library fa[r] to try to win the computer, th[e] actual winner was there just t[o] learn how to use the ne[w] workstations. Amber Cooper, [a] sophomore from DeRidder, wa[s] the winner.

"I had to learn how to us[e] the new computers," Coope[r] said. "I was used to the old one[s] I had tried the new ones but [I] didn't understand how to us[e] them."

The original estimate set fo[r] attendance were far exceeded.

"The original estimate wa[s] for 200 students," Charli[e] Gaudin, reference librarian said. "We found out man[y] professors wanted to bring thei[r] classes here to the fair so w[e] upped the estimates to 700 [to] 800. It looks like anywhere from 1500 to 2000 student[s] will be visiting the exhibi[t] sometime during the day."

Over 1,800 people attended the Library Technology Fair.

Photo by Gary Hardam
The Jack Clayton Plaza was officially presented last Saturday during the half of the Nicholls game. For a complete story on the game, see page 8.

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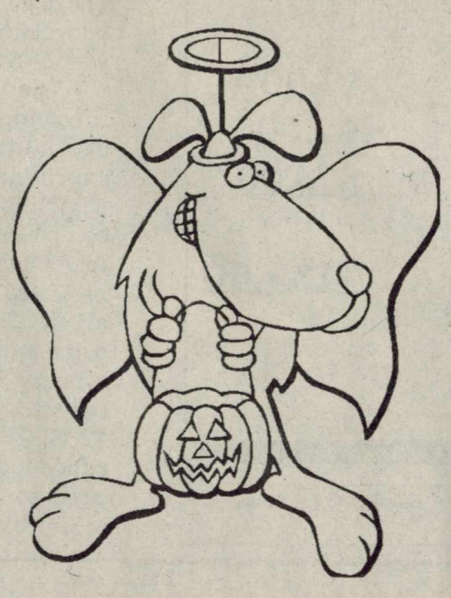

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Briscoe named recipient of professorship

Josh Beavers
Managing Editor

The College of Business has named Nat Briscoe the first recipient of the Business Leaders Endowed Professorship at the University which totals $100,000.

Briscoe, an associate professor of accounting, has been chosen for his outstanding teaching and professional performance in his time at the University and his dedication to use the professorship for the greater good of Northwestern.

Briscoe has been a member of the faculty since 1997. Before coming to Natchitoches he was on the faculty at the University of Arkansas and the University of Tampa. He earned a master's degree at Florida State and received his bachelor's degree at Memphis State University.

As the professorship holder, Briscoe will basically be able to do whatever he sees fit to improve the college of business. He will concentrate on attending conferences with his students that will keep them up-to-date on the changes that are happening in the accounting field.

"This type of activity allows an individual to stay up-to-date on new trends or ideas that can be brought into the classroom," Briscoe said. "It is vital that students be abreast of what is going on in their fields so they do not operate in a vacuum. If they are not aware of new developments, the students will not be adequately prepared upon graduation."

Briscoe is also working on several research projects that will be submitted for publication in professional journals. He is preparing articles on the evaluation of businesses for sale, the benefit of accounting laboratories and the effect of low price/earnings ratio on stock prices.

Briscoe will hold the professorship for a year and then the College of Business will select the second recipient. While Briscoe uses his portion of the funds for his ideas, the interest created from the endowment will be used to fund classroom projects, instruction, faculty research and the purchase of needed software and hardware. Also, some of the interest will be used to further fund the professorship.

Funds for the professorship were acquired through a series of donations totaling $60,000 from a variety of businesses and individuals concerned with the growth and development of the University's business program.

Ten businesses and 20 individuals contributed gifts to create the professorship. The $60,000 was matched with an additional $40,000 from the Board of Regents Support Fund. This is the first professorship at NSU created through a series of individual gifts.

"I am grateful to all the businesses and individuals who helped create this professorship," Dr. Caroll D. Aby Jr., dean of the College of Business, said. "It is becoming increasingly difficult to attract and retain outside faculty without incentives such as endowed professorships."

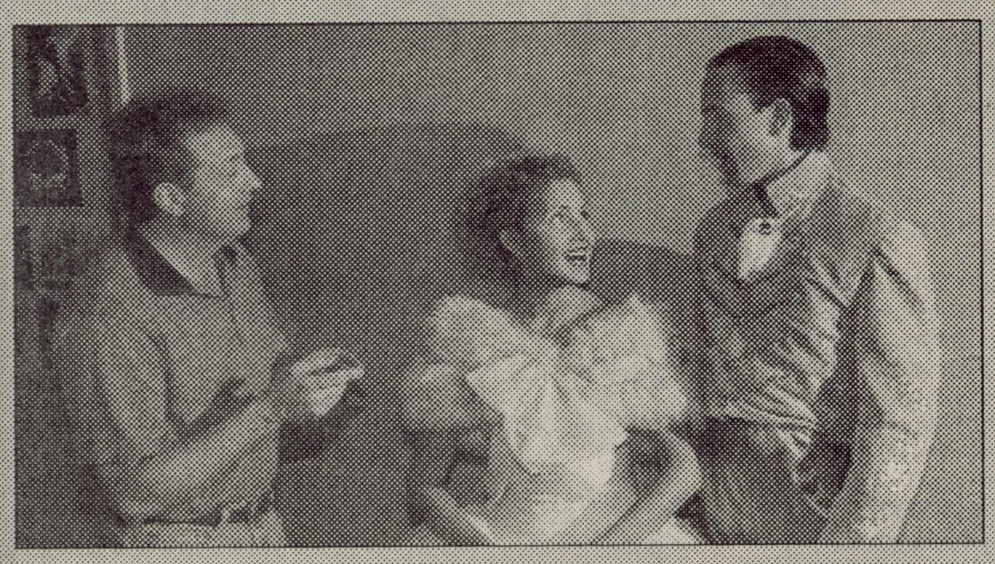

Photo by Heath Crawford

Creative arts professor Michael Rorex, Shelly Colvin and Guy Davis hope to bring the wonder of Cinderella to University students starting today. For complete story see page 5.

BUDGET *cont'd from page 1*

Fees. These equal $133.50. A student pays $.75 for Artist Series, $5 for the recreational complex, $2.25 for the SGA, $20 for the Potpourri, $3 for the Current Sauce, $1 for Argus, $3 for KNWD, $10 for student union programs, a $.50 Alumni fee, $2 for club sports, $1 for the speaker program, $2 for the rowing team, $1.00 for the rodeo team and $75 for the intramural center.

Total fees for a nonresident are $1,163.50. The fees for in-state residents are $2,145 while fees for out-of-state residents are $3,308.50. Dormitories cost $725 for a single room, and a meal plan costs about $648.00. Lastly, students pay $35 for health services.

This budget report proves that, despite popular opinion, students actually are getting their money's worth out of Northwestern.

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Morrison's "book bin" allows students to always be entertained

Amy Haney
Contributing Writer

Students can exchange their old recreational reading books for new or used ones at the book exchange outside room 211 of Morrison Hall.

"There is no limit on exchange as long as if you take a book, you leave a book," Scholar's College professor Frasier Snowden said. Set up by Snowden, the exchange is open for all students and faculty.

"I hope that it will be self-perpetuating," Snowden said, stressing the importance of paying for books from the exchange with other books. "It's the honor system."

Many students are already taking advantage of the book exchange opportunity.

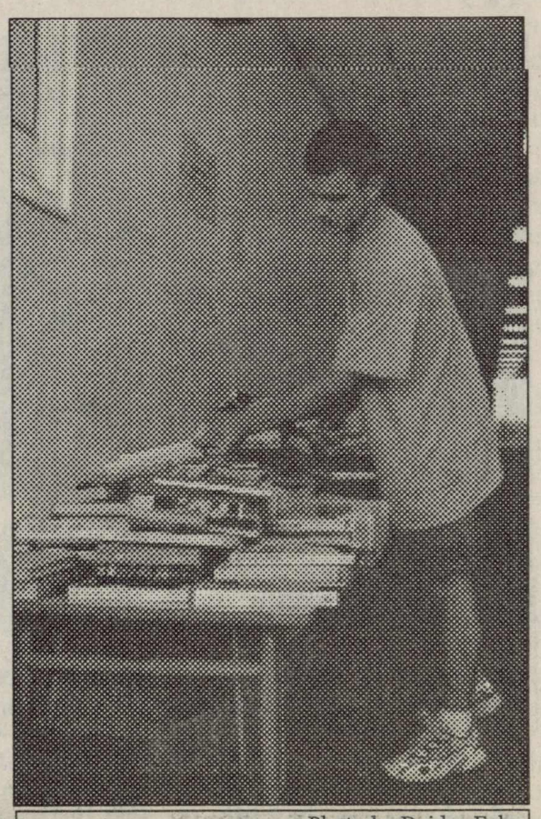
"Being able to read new books without spending a lot of money on them is great," senior Mike Boyd said. "Trading in old books cuts down on clutter, too."

Senior Bruce Bowling plans on using the book exchange. "There's a lot of peripheral interests that I have that I don't want to spend a lot of money on, so it sounds like a good idea," Bowling said.

Books for the exchange were donated by Dr. Eleanor Worsley, a physician who practiced in Natchitoches for many years. When Worsley moved from Natchitoches, she wanted to preserve her book collection. "She was very concerned about what would happen to her library," Snowden said. Worsley offered Snowden access to her books, and he found homes for many of them.

Most of Worsley's trade paperbacks provided the startup material for the book exchange. About 1,000 hardback volumes were donated to Watson library, six or seven cartons of medical texts from the 30's and 40's went to the Kate Chopin House for display in the physician's office, and various other books were given to individuals for their private collections.

Worsley's varied interests created a wide selection of books to choose from. Topics include fiction, nonfiction, history, biography, cooking and medical texts.



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The "book bin" in Morrison Hall lets students exchange their books for new ones.

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Society of Professional Journalists
Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the organization is encouraged to attend or contact the chapter adviser, Neil Ralston, at 357-4439. The Society is a 90-year-old organization that features more than 13,500 student and professional members throughout the world. The Society is dedicated to a free press, free speech and the ethical practice of journalism.

Campus Crusade for Christ will have a co-ed Bible Study Thursday at 6:30 in the Cane River Room of the Student Center. Everyone is welcome.

Public Relations Student Society of America
PRSSA was founded in 1968 to cultivate a mutually advantageous relationship between students and professional public relations practitioners. With more than 5,000 students in 184 chapters nationwide, PRSSA is proud of its reputation as a national, pre-professional organization. PRSSA invites you to become a member of the Society recognized by thousands of public relations practitioners on Tuesday, September 28 @ 5 p.m. in Kyser Hall room 107A or contact Errica Reynolds at ericcar@hotmail.com.

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S.I.F.E will have a meeting Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. in room 224 of Russell Hall. All interested in joining are welcome . Members please attend.

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If you are interested in joining The Class Council come to a meeting in the SGA Office, Student Union Room 221, at 6 p.m. Wednesday night.

FEATURES

To the beat of a different drum

Jay Lyles
Sauce Reporter

Whether NSU is whipping the fool out of an arch rival or the arch rival is whipping the fool out of NSU, one thing makes the game completely bearable- The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band.

At the heart of the band is a separate group that is partly responsible for making the band sound so good. It is the NSU Marching Percussion Line.

The percussion line, aka "Drum Line," is the very heart and soul of the Spirit of Northwestern. It encompasses not only the snare drums, base drums and quads but also the symbols and xylophones.

According to Ken Green, a percussion professor and coordinator of the percussion line, the sole purpose of the percussion line is to provide a stable tempo the band wants to hear.

In his own words, "Our job is to serve the band."

And serve the band it does.

The 37 members of the percussion line practice with the band from 3-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They practice by themselves for one hour on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

"I try to keep it to that amount of time, because academics are what should come first," said Green about the amount of time the group spends practicing.

Green is very serious when he talks about the members maintaining their academic skills. He set up a study session every Tuesday and Thursday night for the members. They must attend one of these sessions each week.This idea was copied from a program he liked when he was a percussion instructor at the University of Kansas.

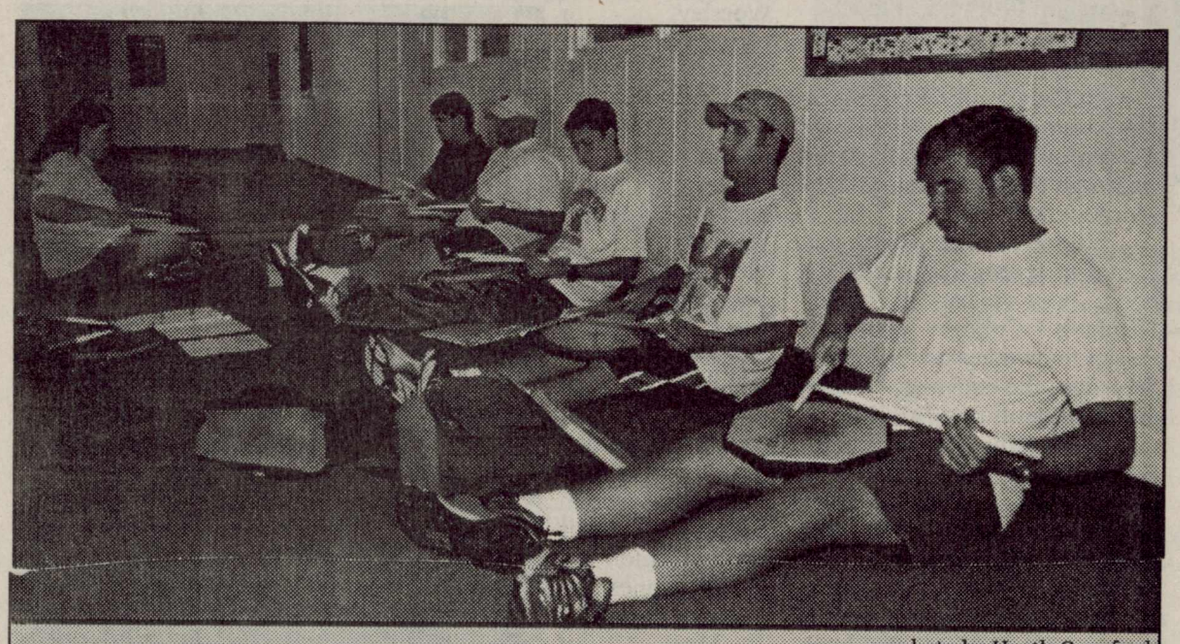


photo by Heath Crawford
Members of the NSU Percussion Ensemble practice their half-time music before a practice. This year the ensemble, under the direction of Kenneth Green, is 37 members strong.

The group practices are enough to blow you across Chaplain's Lake. The sounds of the drums and other percussion instruments by themselves on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon are often enough to rival the entire band.

When listening to the group, the realization of how much the percussion ensemble contributes to the band really starts to set in, especially on the musically illiterate.

Many people might think that the rewards are not great enough to keep the members of the percussion line motivated about their work.

The truth is, though, the members of the line love what they do, and if it's hard, so what? Take for example, senior member Catherine Ackerman who plays the snare drum.

"I've been playing the snare drum since the fifth grade, and I'm a senior music education major now," said Ackerman. "I play because I love it, and anything worth having is going to take time."

The percussion line, and for that matter the band, has not always been as good as it is today.

Before Bill Brent arrived at NSU and hired Green to recruit and rebuild the line, the percussion line was dragging behind with only about three or four members.

Today the line and the band, at 300 members, is one of the most respected in the nation.

300 strong... and still GROWING

Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

The Spirit of Northwestern appears to be changing right before our eyes.

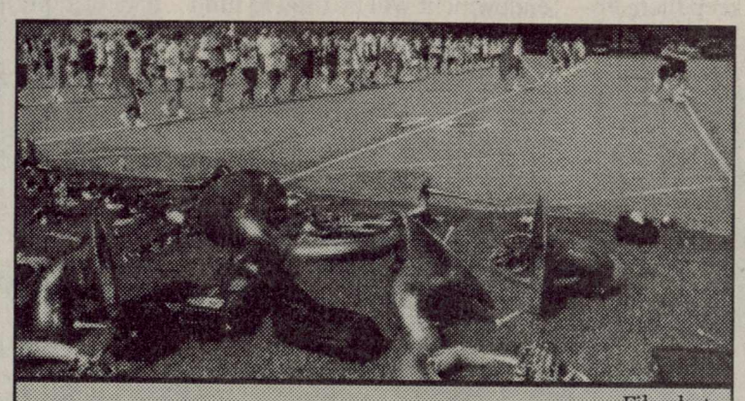
When the band marched onto the field for the first time this year, the increase in its size was immediately evident.

The record-breaking 300 total members make this year's Spirit of Northwestern the largest band in the history of the University. And according to Bill Brent, Director of the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, their talent is as big as their size.

"When we, the directors, started noticing what a talented class this was going to be, we decided that we would see what ways we could energize the band," Brent said. "So we made several changes and several new additions."

The new uniforms are among the most noticeable changes.

The old uniform has undergone a "fashion face-lift" right down to the emblem, and the cape is back by popular demand in a new and improved form.



File photo
The 300 member Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band practices three days a week for two hours. The 1999 Marching Band is the largest in university history.

"Other than the cape, it's totally different from anything that we've worn around here," Brent said.

Aside from new forma uniforms, the band also received new summe uniforms, wind suits and ligh weight canvas ponchos for the price of $118,000.

"Last year, we didn't hav enough uniforms for everybod and the uniforms that we di have didn't fit," Cra Rashleigh, senio saxophone player, said. "S I'm extremely excited to have the new uniforms. It's one of the bes changes that we've had in m five years in the band."

With the change in uniforms on the field came the change in the seating arrangement in the stands.

In an attempt to prevent friends from distracting band members during the stand performances, the band's seating arrangement is no longer as narrow or as tall as

My Side

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

Demon football.

Ain't it great?

Accompanied with the smell of barbecue, a cold beer and a slight rest from the hellish Louisiana weather, it's everything an All-American girl, like myself, could want.

This semester, my colleagues in the student media and I decided to take part in that ever popular pre-game event - tailgating.

For someone who has spent many pre-games with a music flip folder in her hand instead of a beer, tailgating is a new experience.

And, boy, is it a great one.

At Saturday's pre-game festivities, my friends, family and I had the pleasure of tailgating beside a crew of Nicholl's fans.

That's right, folks. I write "the pleasure."

In the span of a few hours these guys, the enemies, managed to cook a feast that made our barbecue pit look like a boy scout's kindling experiment.

Never mind that the head cook owns "Bubba's Bar and Grill," voted No.1 bar and grill in the world. (It's in Thibodeaux by the way.)

But, it was more than the food. The second these guys arrived, they approached us and demanded we join them for a true Cajun feast.

Talk about Southern hospitality.

Unfortunately, that hospitality does not seem to extend to those right here in Natchitoches.

My excitement of the later stomping of the Colonels was somewhat marred by a pre-game incident that was, to say the least, saddening.

Miserable from the excessive amounts of Cajun cuisine we ate, my friends and I put a halt to our tailgating and lazed on a nearby hill awaiting the game.

We chatted about the weather, the mighty Demons and the enormous amounts of food we had consumed, when, out of the corner of my eye, I saw a suspicious looking fellow sneaking around my boyfriend's pickup truck.

Much to my surprise, this fellow, expressing his obvious disregard for Southern hospitality, proceeded to dump his trash in the bed of the truck.

No, I thought to myself, surely I did not see this.

Perhaps this guy mistook the truck for his own. Or perhaps he tripped and accidently dropped the trash in the truck. Fearing a fight with the truck's owner, perhaps the guy decided to leave the trash rather than cause a problem.

Any of these would be preferable to the truth.

The guy was a rude, arrogant slob, who figured we Non-Greeks wouldn't care about he and a few of his buddies trashing up a stranger's vehicle.

Think again.

How sad that the opponents show more hospitality than our fellow Demons.

Before I offend everyone, I do want to express my gratitude to the other Greek tailgaters, who treated us like old friends, handing us pom-pons, offering food, beer and any other resources available.

Unfortunately, one bad apple spoils the bunch.

Tailgating should be an experience enjoyed by all. It should entail having a boisterous spirit in preparation for the upcoming game.

Why spoil it with a blatant disregard for others enjoyment?

Bottom line, guys - keep it clean.

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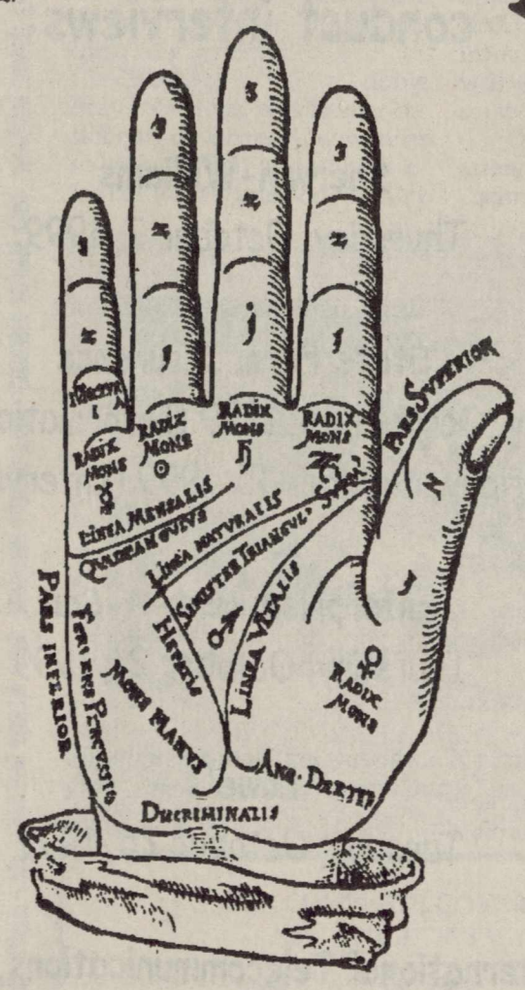

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Garth should stick to being Garth, not Gaines

RAECHAL LEONE
A&E EDITOR

Okay, here it is, but first let me say that this is going to hurt me as much as it will hurt other die-hard fans of Garth Brooks; I hated the Chris Gaines album, at least the first time I listened to it. I guess I just expected a little too much from country music's biggest superstar because usually when Garth Brooks promises something to his fans, he delivers, but not this time.

Critics and many fans wondered if Garth was nuts when he promised to make a rock album under the pseudonym of Chris Gaines, but I, for one, was excited. I pride myself on being a fan of many diverse styles of music, and I naively assumed that since Garth Brooks has made so many great country albums, a rock one would be even better. Well, if this album had any clearly rock and roll songs, I'm sure they would have been fabulous. Unfortunatley, the image that Capitol Records has conjured up and displayed in the CD liner notes for the fictional Gaines could not be any father from his music.

According to press releases from the internet and the liner notes, Gaines is a 32-year-old native of Australia who released his first album with the band Crush in 1986. Crush, composed of Gaines, Marc Obed and Gaines' best friend, Tommy Levitz, was an instant success, but broke up in late 1986 when Levitz died in a plane crash. Supposedly after the devestation of losing his best friend, Gaines holed up some where and vowed never to make music again.

Flashforward to1989, when he released the first of five solo albums, which, of course, all became huge monster successes. Don't you wish we could all make up a whole new life for ourselves where we were rich and famous and had the number one song all the time?

Wow, the record comapny did a hell of a job creating the typical angst-ridden rock star personna for Gaines; they did so good, in fact, that they forgot to make the songs match the new man. A picture of a Gaines album cover pictures Gaines with two girls licking his body, and another has him laying in the middle of a woman's (ahem) chest area. Gaines is trying to establish an image like Tommy Lee, with the music of a mellow Eric Clapton. The image and life history of Gaines is definitely a departure from good ole' boy Garth Brooks, but the songs are screaming his name.

"It Doesn't Matter to the Sun" is already getting airplay on country stations and is what I would consider classic Garth. "Digging for Gold" and "Snow In July" are also very twangy and country, the titles don't even sound anything like a rock song. There are even bluesy songs like "Way of the Girl" and perhaps the most bizarre song I've ever heard in my life, Gaines' version of the classic "Right Now" in which he uses spoken rhymes for the verses and a down-home version of the original chorus, but I still heard no signs of a rock song.

The closest Gaines comes even to light pop on this album is most likely the current pop single "Lost In You" and "That's the Way I Remember It," an upbeat, cheerful tune slightly reminiscent of John Mellencamp's days as John Cougar Mellencamp. "My Love Tells Me So," Crush's big hit from 1986 probably wouldn't have made a dent in the real life Billboard charts in that year, much less been a smash hit, but "Main Street"is more believeable as a hit for Gaines, with a soothing beat and lyrics about leaving a small town. Another one of the few songs t totally absent of any traces of country and western, "Maybe", was written, according to Gaines, to be similar to a Beatles song and lives up to its purpose.

Actually, there were several enjoyable songs on the album when I thought of them as Garth Brooks'songs, I just found it unbelieveable that someone with the dark, hard-core personality of Chris Gaines would sing, much less write, songs like these. I find it simply unbelieveable that these songs are the work of a man who has photographs of he and scantily-clad women in compromising positions on the covers of his albums. However, if I throw away the liner notes and picture the great Garth Brooks belting each of these songs out, my opinion of the CD improves considerably. In other words, I do not and probably never will consider myself a fan of Garth Brooks as Chris Gaines, but I am still a huge fan of Garth Brooks as Garth Brooks.

Make sure to read the Features section of the *Current Sauce* next week when Josh Green becomes "Sebastian Reid.." Features editor Melissa Robertson will make him over and trail him for a day to see how his life chnges. Let's hope he fares better than Garth did in his reinvention of himself.

Theatre program raises curtain for "Cinderella" tonight

RAECHAL LEONE
A&E EDITOR

They've been preparing for weeks, and tonight the curtain will rise for the NSU Theatre program's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella"at 7:30 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

After weeks of strenuous rehearsals every night and working to pull every little detail together, the cast feels that they are ready to perform.

"I feel like we've had enough time to get all the choreography together and to refine the characters," Guy Davis of Baton Rouge, who plays the character of the Prince, said.

Jenna Westbrook of Broken Bow, Okla., who portrays the Stepmother explained, "Our rehearsals are run very efficiently, a lot of us came in from Summer Stock jobs real late. We rehearse pretty much every night from 7-10:30 and on Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and then again from 7-10:30 p.m."

Performances will also be held tomorrow and Oct. 8-9 at 7:30 p.m. and on Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. With a performance schedule like that, most people would be nervous, but not Shelley Colvin of Winnfield, who will star in the title role of "Cinderella."

"I don't get nervous because we rehearse for such a long period of time that when you get out there you're like a machine sort of, you just do it," Colvin said. "But this show is probably one of the biggest shows we've done in a long time as far as sets, costumes, music and just the overall picture."

Laura West of Cottonport, who plays the Queen, agrees that "Cinderella" is bigger than the average NSU Theatre Department show. "The set and everything in this show is big and glamorous, very intense. All the basic storyline is there, just with a couple of flourishes. Some of the character types aren't what the audience would expect, there are a few little twists," she said.

"Even Cinderella is a little different than she was in the Walt Disney version," said Darcy Malone of New Orleans, who plays the Godmother.

In fact, many of the cast members agree that their version of "Cinderella" differs considerably from the extremely popular Walt Disney version of the fairy tale. However, they all still used words such as "magical", "fantastical" and "fairy tale" when describing what the audience should expect.

"The audience should really expect sheer spectacle and a lot of fun," West said.

"This is a show that will appeal to every age group," Colvin said. She also explained that though the main character will be slightly different, she will not be too different from the fairy tale Cinderella everyone loves, just a little smarter.

"She's not naive, but very intelligent, sweet and pure," she said. "I think her character is still relevant today because a lot of girls don't get to express their true selves or give everything they are capable of giving. Hopefully this will inspire some of the kids at the performances we do for schools to keep on dreaming and keep on hoping and that maybe their dreams can come true."

Other members of the cast will include Sabrina Plaisance of Morgan City as Portia, Annie Fackler of Lafayette as Joy and Jordan Paul of Cincinati as the Herald.

Also in the cast will be Colin Trahan of Covington as the King, Correy West of Lewisville, Texas as Luigi, the Steward and Adam Gage of Orange, Texas as Pierre the Chef.

Other members of the cast are Sheera Merrill of Coushatta as Grandma and Dana Duhon of Abbeville as a sloppy teenager.

For ticket information call (318) 357-6891.

Photo by Heath Crawford

The NSU Theatre Department will present Rodger's and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the A.A. Fredricks Auditorium. From left are Shelley Colvin of Winnfield as Cinderella, and Guy Davis of Baton Rouge as the Prince.

Three Nutty Crackers, three familiar faces

The funk band Three Nutty Crackers performed for a full house Saturday night at Beaudion's Pizza Pub.

Composed of Jeff Wilson on drums, Patrick Bordelon on guitar and Doug Gay on bass, Three Nutty Crackers (aka, 3NC) moved the crowd to dance from the first song onward.

"I love it when people dance," Gay said. "It's the best compliment."

Gay's funky bass lines, Wilson's rapid drum beats and Bordelon's upbeat guitar riffs are a combination hard to resist. Three Nutty Crackers performed original music and such notable covers as "Brick House" and "Play That Funky Music," sometimes with the aide of other musicians from the audience.

The freedom to improvise and invite other musicians to the stage make Beaudion's a favorite place to play, the bandmates agreed.

"All our friends come up and jam," Wilson said.

"We want to promote that, to be known as a town of musicians," Gay added.

Wilson, Gay and Bordelon's impressive synchronicity was polished while they made music together in other bands. Gay and Bordelon were bandmates in the local bands Voodoo Groove and Child, and Wilson joined them in the band Velvet Elvis.

Three Nutty Crackers was formed in fun, Gay said. Playing together began as a break from rigid set lists, a chance to improvise and experiment. The sound they developed fell into the groove of jazz/funk, and they decided to share their music with an audience.

"We officially started playing under the name Three Nutty Crackers in early July," Gay said.

Since then, the band has played in Lake Charles at Dave's Pub and at Beaudion's Pizza Pub locally. They will continue to perform at Beaudion's monthly and occasionally at Dave's Pub. Look for flyers on campus for their upcoming performance dates.

The members of Three Nutty Crackers continue to explore other avenues of musical expression.

"We have all been in the music business and working... to build a solid foundation as professional musicians," Bordelon said.

All senior music majors at the University, Bordelon plays guitar, trombone and piano or keyboard. The drums are Wilson's and Gay's favorite musical avenue, they said, though Gay is also a talented bassist, as is exhibited in 3NC.

After Saturday night's performance, Three Nutty Crackers could very well start drawing the unique crowds that have eluded other local bands.

Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra kicks off season Thursday

The Natchitoches-Northwestern State University Symphony Orchestra will begin their 1999-2000 season with a pops concert Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Prather Coliseum. The concert will mark the debut of conductor Scott York and will feature tenor Michael Rorex, an assistant professor of music at NSU.

General admission tickets are $5. Table seating is available on the Coliseum floor at $15 per person or $30 per couple. Tables of eight are $120 and tables of 10 are $150.

The program will include music by James Horner, who did music for films including "Titanic," "Dances with Wolves" and "Apollo 13" and John Williams who did the music for "ET."

The orchestra will also perform "Over the Rainbow," Johan Strauss' "Radetzky March," Dvorak's "Carnival Overture," "El Capitan," and selections from "West Side Story," and "My Fair Lady" along with an Irving Berlin Symphonic Portrait.

"It will be a collection of both classical popular music and popular classical music," said York, who came to Northwestern in August from Norman, Okla., where he was working on a doctorate at the University of Oklahoma. "We want to do a little bit of everything, tunes that people will recognize. People will enjoy this concert whether they remember Broadway shows from the past or just contemporary film music."

York was the assistant conductor for the Lucca Opera Festival in Lucca, Italy and music director and founder of the Northeast Texas Symphony. He is continuing his position as conductor of the Longview Opera Company, a position he has held for six years. He has also worked with the Baton Rouge Symphony, Shreveport Opera Company, Monroe Symphony and the Louisiana Youth Orchestra. York holds a bachelor's in Music Education from East Texas State University and a master's in conducting from the Eastman School of Music.

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Letters to the editor

Hazing article found unacceptable

In last week's edition of The Current Sauce, someone wrote a column about hazing. After reading it I instantly felt a need to respond.

Anybody involved in any organization knows the University hazing policy. Chris Conway's column directly contradicts University policy. For instance, the University says that kidnapping is a bad thing, whereas Mr. Conway thinks it is acceptable.

Mr. Conway distinguishes between two types of hazing, one being OK, and the other not.

How should the University make the distinction between acceptable and unacceptable hazing? I got it. How about this for an offiicial stance? A frat may spank a pledge on the buttocks, but only to the point that the pledge's buttocks become a rosy color. Anything beyond that is hazing.

Now that is a great hazing policy.

OK, so maybe some guys are into that spanking thing. To each his own. For what it's worth, I'll spank you, and I'll beat the lowest price of any frat.

As far as other forms of hazing go, please explain this to me again. How does dressing preppy, drinking alcohol, and abstaining from carrying trays strengthen brotherhood?

The last time that I abstained from anything was Lent. Maybe abstaining from talking to women produces the same effect as that, but probably not.

Yeah, he's a real brother he didn't talk to a woman for two weeks. Hmmm.

Frats are social organizations, right? Yeah, I wanna party with that guy because he abstains from using trays in the cafeteria. Woo hoo! He's a real party animal. I bet he gets lots of chicks.

Regardless of what you might think of hazing, the University makes a firm stance against hazing in all cases.

By overlooking hazing in any form, the University invites a tragedy, as like at LSU two years ago, to happen here.

Greg Gelpi

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'Trashy' students hurt campus

Letter to the Editor

I would like to take my time to express my disgust and disappointment with the new Greek pledge classes, returning fraternity and sorority members, and our student body who commit the "environmental crime" that I am about to mention.

At a university where students' money is constantly spent for campus beautification purposes, I constantly witness the opposite occurring. I AM TALKING ABOUT THE TRASH PEOPLE. I understand that there will be your typical student trash (which I will address in a moment and can be eliminated if we all worked together), but I feel I must point my finger at the Greeks whom I have seen firsthand and purposefully litter our campus in the last 2-3 weeks.

First, there was the Kappa Alpha — Tri-Sigma water fight. I had no problem with the water guns. They were immature, but maybe some folks have a lot of growing up to do. My problem was the water balloons. Did anyone see KA and Tri-Sigma cleaning up afterwards? I think not.

Then, there was the A O Pi and Pi Kappa Phi silly string fight. Did they clean up the mess they made? Hell no! I bet there is still pie from their pie fight still lying around the site where the fight took place. How sad is that?

However, I would like to praise the wonderful staff of ARAMARK who cleans up these messes because most of them occur inside and outside of their establishments. ARAMARK, thank you for caring about how your place of employment looks, and I'm sorry that our students that patronize your business do not care about how their university looks. Thanks also to janitorial staffs throughout campus who patiently deal with this matter daily. You are to be commended on your efforts.

Also, to the fraternities and sororities who do NOT contribute to the trashing of our campus, I salute you. I do not mean to directly insult all of the Greek system. Those whose description fit my letter know who they are.

I find it so hypocritical that the very Greek organizations who are supposed to promote and take pride in NSU are the ones trashing it. I bet if you went around the outside or in any one of the Greek houses that are doing this, you would find it immaculately clean. Why can't they take pride in the rest of our university's campus? The very people who are so interested in doing community service and are seeking ways to help people can find plenty to do right under their noses! They could clean up our campus since they are the ones that are destroying the little beauty that is trying to shine through the muck. Help our fellow students who have to see this all the time and yourselves by doing some of your community service here at NSU.

Now, on to the general student body... I implore you to take pride in your school and its campus. Are you ever embarrassed when visiting secondary schools and other universities see how ugly our campus is? I know I am, but I cannot clean it all up alone. Please do not throw your trash from you car onto the asphalt of the parking lots. Keep a trash bag in your car. I know we are all lazy, me included, but it does not expend too much energy to put it in a bag and throw it in a trash can. To the residents of Rapides and Sabine dorm, I know the place where you reside is disgusting and decrepid, but please show your apathy and disgust in other, more constructive ways. Your parking lots look like $*&@!!! People who get take-out orders from Iberville, Vic's, or Rendezvous (or even off-campus) and food or drinks at sports functions: PLEASE utilize the many trash cans that have been stationed throughout campus. This is what they are there for.

The very students that complain about how high their fees are can help lower them. How? Help NSU in their beautification process. Your student dollars would be better spent if there was no need to clean YOUR trash up.

Help take pride in your university and not only will you feel better about yourself and your school, others will follow in your example.

M. — Junior

EDITOR'S NOTE: While it is not the practice of The Current Sauce to print letters to the editor unsigned, I have decided to allow this person to maintain their anonymity. This decision is based on previous experiences with letters dealing with greeks. Particularly, a letter was written about Tri Sigmas a couple of years ago which caused the writer endless harrassment.

'Scootergirl' banned from parking lot

I face many challenges in my life every day because of a disability. Since I am physically disabled, it takes me twice as long to accomplish the small things. However, coming to college has been an enormous amount of freedom that I have never had before in my life. Sometimes, though, there are certain challenges I don't feel I should have to face. Last Thursday, I had an experience with a member of the University's faculty that no competent person in a wheelchair should face. As I was crossing one of the parking lots on my way to Kyser Hall for class, a faculty member stopped me in her car and informed me that I was not to go into that parking lot anymore. She stated that I was to go on the sidewalks from now on. She also said that she had reported me before and was warning me that if I did not stop going to the parking lot, that she would report me again.

After this encounter, I thought of several things I could have said had I not been so upset at the time. One of the first questions that came to mind was "who exactly did she report me to"? As I was speaking with her, I tried to explain that anyone could get hit by a car. What about the people who walk? She explained that there are no rules for them. Well, I told her that there aren't for me either. That I can't walk, so I use my scooter to get where I need to go. Besides, the sidewalks aren't exactly perfect. I do think that the people working on construction have done a good job to fix them. But, since people walk and ride bikes through this parking lot, I don't see why I couldn't ride my scooter through it. Even though I am physically disabled, I am 21 years old and perfectly capable of watching the roads when I am driving. I believe that this woman had absolutely no right to tell me I can't go somewhere on campus. I told her that I watch where I am going. She asked me how come she had almost hit me twice. I told her I didn't know. Personally, I'm thinking that maybe she should get her eyes checked.

I would understand if she was expressing concern, but this woman was telling me not to go in the parking lot as if she were my mother and I were a little child. I do not appreciate that. Talk to me like what I am: a competent adult. I think that would be all anyone would ask of someone. I will be using the parking lot like I have done for the past three, going on four years. If you have a comment, please let me know. My email address is: scootergirl21@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Heather Patton

Students unhappy with leader's response to voting issue

To Whom It May Concern:

As a full time student at Northwestern State University, I feel it is my privilege and duty to speak out on the things that concern me as a student and a person. Recently, The Current Sauce printed an article expressing the editor's views on a petition the African American initiated to express dissatisfaction with the location of the voting booths. As a resident of Rapides Hall, I found the petition to be welcomed and admirable in its attempt to make voting more assessable for all students. I was appalled when the editor demeaned the purpose behind the petition. He failed to recognize that a diverse group of students, not just African American, dine in Iberville Dining Hall. I felt that the editor, also holding the title of Student Government Association President, completely misinterpreted the voice of the student body. His view was limited in the aspects of the purpose and the objective of the petition. I hope that he will, in the future, think before he speaks and realize that he not only represents himself, but as a voice of the students. I hope the irrational decision on the part of the editor does not foreshadow any future occurrences.

Thank you,
Derrick P. Britt

To The Editor,

Being a student and active member of the African American Caucus, I can not help but to express my dissatisfaction with an article published in the Current Sauce, on the date of September 28, 1999. The article was in reference to a petition started by the African American Caucus to persuade the Student Government Association to alter the location of the voting booths. I have a few questions and comments that I would like to acknowledge.

First, I would like to know how long and how many people does it take to get our point across? Shawn Hornsby, SGA President, stated that, " If more students were asking for the polls to be moved, someone might be more willing to listen." Shawn Hornsby, aren't you that someone that we, the student body, should be asking to get things changed? I not only think that was a sarcastic remark, but it really goes to show that you only think of this matter as an acute situation. YOU ARE THAT SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE LISTENING TO US!

Second, you stated that you want to leave the polls in the Student Union to build consistency. The voter turnout was a very low percentage of the student populous. Is that the kind of consistency that you want to continue? If anything, you, being the governing voice of the student body, should want students to participate more and do everything in your power to adhere to the demands of the students. I also would like to point out, that I totally agree with having voting at the Student Union and at Iberville. Hornsby pointed out that there is not enough manpower to transport the booths. I could be mistaken, but the SGA are not literally transporting the booths themselves. There are trained professionals who specialize in this, namely the employees at this school whose job description falls under this category. That is their job, right? Moving on.

Third, the opinions in this article, save from the editor, are all African American. African Americans are not the school. We have a variety of ethnic backgrounds on campus. I believe that more diverse opinions should have been questioned. Rapides and Sabine are not housed completely by African Americans. What do the others have to say?

Next, I would like to point out that Shawn Hornsby being SGA President and The Current Sauce head man, has a great deal of authority on issues that affect the students. For example, the AAC inquired about publishing their meeting schedule in the Campus Connections feature in the newspaper. How ironic that a student association that is built to educate and guide the students were not allowed to do so on the basis of lack of space. On the other hand, here comes a sorority behind the AAC with a message to their sisters that in no way reflected a necessary publication. Now who says what goes in or out...Shawn Hornsby! This is entirely too much power given to one individual, especially when that person is also SGA President.

Last, but not least and most important, "IN THE REAL WORLD," when citizens register to vote, voting machines are placed in convenient locations for the citizens. At the SGA meeting they discussed the traffic associated with the polls. Why is it that even in the spacious Student Union, I found myself having to say "Excuse me!" and "Sorry, didn't mean to step on your foot." We only have two voting machines and approximately 9,000 students, so what is the difference if we had voting in Iberville.

Toni T. Davis

This letter is a reminder to some and a revelation to others. The "S" in SGA stands for STUDENT. The SGA is accountable to the students. All students! Hornsby gave a statement in the September 28, 1999 issue of the Current Sauce that, "if more students were asking for the polls to be moved, someone might be more willing to listen." The key word in the whole statement is "might." This suggests there is no guarantee that any students' complaints will be heard. The SGA has an obligation as a student funded governing body to listen. to any students' grievances. Once again, we remind you that they (SGA) are accountable to you because they function on your money!

Furthermore, the student population should not be willing to accept the compelling excuses for not moving the polls. The excuses given were not argumentatively sound. Hornsby said that, "there was not enough manpower to move the booths back and forth." Is he suggesting that the students move the booths? Did it ever occur to the him or the board that they could get the NSU employees, who constantly move heavy items all over campus, to assist in this project. A closer look will reveal that the booths are equipped with wheels. No heavy lifting involved (hint, hint)!

Another weak excuse for not moving the booths is "in the real world, citizens must make an effort to vote". He goes on to say "the same principle held true on this campus". Well, in the real world, the government makes every attempt to make voting convenient and accessible. In fact, each area has a specific location in which they must go to cast a vote. Hence, the voting booths are strategically placed throughout the electoral districts.

Once again, this is not a black or white issue - this is a fairness issue. It has become so easy for people to focus on someone's ethnicity rather than their argument. You should examine the validity of what we are saying not the color of our skin. In fact, many of the students who signed the petition were not African Americans. This is an issue of fairness. Furthermore, statistics will show that honor court is usually comprised of white greek females. This excludes white non greek females and minorities. Last year is an perfect of example of this. The 1998 honor was comprised of six people from Sigma Sigma Sigma and four from Phi Mu. So, once again we say this is not a race issue.

In addition, we asked for help from people who visit the Student Union frequently because they eat in one of the dining facilities or have to handle business there. Even though they regularly visit the Student Union, they were able to realize that it is a fairness issue. Why is it that the SGA could not realize this?

In fact, why did we need a petition? Our elected leadership should be concerned about making changes to better our systems. We can not continue to do things the same way if that way is not productive. The fact that we usually have a low voter turn out based on the actual student population is proof that we need to make changes.

This is simply a fairness issue.

Jamila Maxie
Shequanta Sanders
LaQuinta Washington

Tony the Lonely

Ooh. The letters are flowing like wine. You are all pretty sexy. And I will repay with sexy advice. Blancool@hotmail.com. You will get some mad advice. Nude advice. Advice straight from the penis.

Dear Tony the lonely,
I have a problem and I don't feel like wasting my time with losers, such as Love Live with Delilah, so I figured that I'd write to someone who actually has a clue. You see I'm what all the chicks refer to as "a nice guy." Yes, I have been doomed to a life of being a good friend, buying dinner, listening to stories about frat guys being doing stupid stuff (A.K.A. being themselves), and, of course, waking up in the morning by myself. My question is, "How do I get chicks to recognize me as more than just 'a nice guy' and more as the stallion that I am?".

Thanks,
Nice Guy

Dear Guy.

Girls donit want the nice guys, girls want to be spit on. My advice to you is to start treating the ladies like objects. Ignore them, Insult them, demean them, they love it. Flowers for a day, sex for a day and then treat them like dirt. Trust me. Theyill be crawling all over you. Why do you think the frat boys get so many? Two reasons; one, they give them beer and all of the girls here are stumbling drunks; and two they do not have a single bone of compassion. A simple Confucius like quote will save your day. Give them beer and place in rear. As a true Louisianian, Britney Spears once said, "Hit me baby one more time."

Yo Tony,
My so called friend is an evil, spiteful wretch. She drove me to this weekend retreat and proceeded to ignore me the entire weekend. She bonded with her "cooler" friends while I fumed silently in the background. Why has she suddenly become so monstrously despicable? Why do I care so much since she sucks anyway?
Yours truly, Pathetic

First off, What are you doing hanging out with Christians anyway? There is nothing redeeming about that spiteful practice. All they want to do is prey and act superior. That road leads to no good end. Take that friend of yours and give her a dose of the old stigmata, the hard way. There is nothing that this 'friend' of yours is good for. If she wants to leave you hanging then betray her with a kiss. Trust me, there is forty pieces of silver in it for you. Iill stake my eternal life on it.

Whattup Tone.
I was hopin you and your loneliness could help with a small problem I'm having. See, thereis this little chump freshmen tryin to hook up with my girlfriend. Now, my first thought was to go beat his ass, then I remembered all the movies I watched where the girl gets with the wuss the jock beats up cause she feels sorry for the little twerp or somethin. I was basically wonderin what would be the best way to get my message across to him without him winning the chick in the end.

Signed
Beefcake in Boozman

Three words. Well executed cunnilingus. Girls have just as many hormones as us guys and sometimes a wandering eye can be cured by a little nibble on the labia. Next time you find yourself in the vicinity of your girlis vulva, get a little creative. Pretend you are making a reproduction of the ceiling of the Sistine chapel on her uterus with your tongue as a paintbrush. Honey makes exxxelent paint. She will love you forever. Or your money back.

Hey kiddos! Column number two is SOOO completed. I bet you are all just dying to make my acquaintance. Send me letters. I will reply truthfully and honestly. Blancool@hotmail.com. I promise.

Marginalia

Many educators wll recognize the term marginalia from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. In the dictionary, marginalia is described as: notes in the margins or extrinsic matters : nonessetial items. While I have searched for a title that is witty, I have also searced for one that is original. Therefore, I have adopted this title and will no longer write under the heading of from the editor.

Because the dictionary describes marginalia as notes in the margin or nonessential items, I will focus my efforts on those *seemingly* nonessential items in our lives as students.

As always, I will attempt to make you laugh while I focus your thinking on something you have ignored or not noticed.

with that said...

Alpha Omicron Pi recently held a raffle in which the winner could be president for a day. Fortunately for many at the University, I did not win. But if I had won...

I would first institute a mandatory dress code for all faculty and staff members with a bad attitude. I know life is not always a cheerful experience but I cannot count the number of times I have walked into an office and been greeted by a sour and crinkled old face. What would they have to wear?

I am of the opinion that if someone is going to remain a sourpuss, then we should dress them in a clown suit and paint a smile on their face until they can create one of their own. After all, even the grumpiest of people appears congenial dressed as a clown.

Second, I would require all members of financial aid and business affairs to pick up their checks in a fashion similar to fee payment. May be after they wait in line for an hour during their lunch break only to get to the front to decide whether or not they should go on or return to work because their lunch break is over, they will find a way to create a mail in fee payment process. Of course the line would post an opening time of 8:30 a.m. and not actually open up until 8:50 a.m.

Next, I would demand that AraMark no longer serve half a sandwich for regular price because they did not order enough bread. Also, there would be no more charging regular meat pie dinner price for only one meatpie...we want both of our meatpies.

Since this is the University of choice among discerning students, it is imperative that the University have an evaluation process which allows honest and blunt faculty the opportunity to sit through their colleagues' lectures from time to time. Who better to tell someone they are bring or long winded than a colleague?

Because I see the University's mission as one of a responsive learning centered environment, I think classes should be added to the catalogue which teach our students and faculty some very basic principles.

PARK 0920- Parking Etiquette for the Driver
The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the proper parking procedures. Emphases will be placed on staying within the lines, avoiding curbs, and not parking on the grass unless you are tailgating.

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The purpose of this class is to familiarize students with the principle of walking on the sidewalk instead of the middle of a parking lot. This class will teach the dangers of walking in te path of vehicles which are weighed by the ton.

RESP 0910- Respect for Your Classmate
The prpose of this class is to teach students that while you may very well 'gots rights to be up in here' you should still refrain from allowing your primal urges to come out in the hallways.
Prerequisite: Have an opposable thumb and be able to comprehend that others 'gots rights too.'

ENGL 0810- Correct Pronunciation and Word Usage
The purpose of this course is to instuct students in the art of speaking and writing sentences competitive to junior high kids. Also to inform students of the incorrectness of such statements as 'I gots rights to be in here.'

Of course this is only the tip of the iceberg. After all I only have one day as the president.

Nevertheless, I could not end my reign as president without opening my home on Normal Drive to the students and faculty. After a hard day at work at the University's chief position, I am almost required to have a traditional celebration.

How traditional?

Everyone would have to show up in traditional Animal House apparel. In other words, I would throw one hell of a toga party.

Can you imagine any other place on campus you would rather see a bunch of half naked sorority girls hanging out of the windows? I cannot.

If only I could be president fo r a day, I would make a change not soon forgotten. Unless of course the party was real good in which case no one would remember what happened.

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor in chief
President, SGA

Alumni columnist speaks on prayer in school

Prayer in school seems to be the hot news topic of the day. I addressed a branch of this last week, but there is another branch I want to talk about.

Everyone knows that if you go see a football game, college or high school, you can expect a school prayer before the game.

Now there is a debate on having that prayer at all. In Texas, a court has ordered that no prayer of any kind be done over the public address speaker. Leading a group prayer might offend someone. I just don't see what the big deal is. No one forces anybody to pray. I know people that talk right through them or take the cue to go to the restroom or concessions stand. It is a free country.

It is a free country to worship whoever or whatever you want. If you want to pray, go for it. If you don't want to, then don't. Now because this country is of a Christian majority, you can expect Christian prayers at these games. So, if you are not Christian, then just insert your diety in the correct places and everything will be all right. For example, a prayer might include for protection of the players, to us to get home safely, look over the school, and/or to protect our friends. If your diety wants that as well, then evryone one is on the same page. "Dear great Hornsby.....please look over us.....protect the players.....in Shawn's name we pray." Most schools are doing a moment of silence which accomplishes the same thing. Most towns are defying the courts and doing it anyway.

This will just get innocent people in trouble. It seems to me that when certain people complain about their rights, they forget that everyone has rights. That includes as mentioned before, freedom of religion. So, let's not fight or get in a big battle royal. Let people say a prayer over the loud speaker and do your own thing at that time if you have to. It is, after all, a free counrty.

Chris Conway

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Volley ball loses three

RONDRAY HILL
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In sports, things change very quickly.

Ask the Demon Volleyball team. After winning five out of their first six games early this season, they've hit a bump in the road, dropping three games last week in conference play against Lamar, SFA and Sam Houston.

The Demons are now 1-6 in conference play and 7-9 overall. This also comes at a time when Demons were setting records. Missy Krause became the all-time Demon assist leader in Saturday's loss to Lamar. Krause's 53 assist effort against the Cardinals was enough to bring her career total to 2,557, 26 better than Sandi Sherril's mark of 2,531 which she compiled from 1988-91.

The Demons held Lamar to a hitting percentage of only .284, but in the process only hit .160 in the 15-12,16-14,16-14 straight-set loss. The Lady Cardinals, who are 5-3 in Southland conference play and 8-8, was led by Natalie Shaver's 18 kills, followed by Allison Diggs who had 15 kills on the night. Diggs also had a hitting average better than .300 on the game, hitting .350 to lead all players. Four other Lady Cardinals hit over .300 in the game.

Krause

April George had 11 kills for the Demons and a .409 attack percentage.

Northwestern also had its fair share of troubles against a red-hot rival SFA. The Ladyjacks, who are a perfect 6-0 in the conference and 12-6 overall, were also a straight-set winner 15-9, 15-11, 15-9 last Friday. The Ladyjacks sit at the top of the Southland conference standings and showed why with the benefit of 15 kills and a .520 attack percentage by Shana Neimann. Kristy Rhodes also chipped for the Jacks with 17 kills and a .520 attack percentage.

The Demons hung tough, however, thanks in large part to Elizabeth Perez's defensive effort, leading the Demons in digs with 20. Perez is 4th on the Demon squad in digs with 144 this season. She also leads the Demons in attack percentage with a .234 average.

Jessica Smith led the way on the offense with 10 kills and an attack percentage of .348.

Krause once again led the Demons in assist with 44 in the game.

In a road game last week against Sam Houston State, the Demons dropped the first two sets of the match 6-15 and 5-15 before rallying in the third set to win 15-11. But a stingy Sam Houston defense held the Demons to 10 in the next set as Sam Houston would go on to defeat the Demons 3 sets to 1.

The young Demon squad now faces a very tough conference schedule this week. After a home game tonight against Nicholls at Prather Coliseum, the Demons start a four game road trip to McNeese, Southeastern Louisiana, Southwest Texas and UTSA. The Demons don't return home until October 19th to face the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff and then return to conference play against Sam Houston and UTA.

Tonight's game against Nicholls is scheduled to start at 7:00/ All students with valid NSU ID get in free and are encouraged to attend.

Soccer drops SLC heartbreaker to ULM

KALEB BREAUX
SAUCE REPORTER

"We've gone to overtime in three of our four conference matches. It's gotten to the point that we almost expect to play 120 minutes instead of 90. We just have to give great effort and hope that something good will happen to us," says head coach Johnny Mitchell about dropping three conference matches in overtime.

Unfortunately things have not turned around for the Lady Demons as of last week.

After losing three of four Southland Conference matches in sudden death overtime, the Lady Demons took on the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

The words deja vu seem to sum the Lady Demons' season as of late. The Lady Demons seem to have a reoccurring dream of getting beat in overtime.

Northwestern, once again, found themselves in an overtime showdown after a 0-0 tie at the end of regulation.

After Northwestern had 2 shots on goal in overtime and could not score, ULM took advantage and scored on their first shot on goal of overtime.

The goal was scored by ULM's Erin Mosely. This was the deciding blow that left Northwestern stunned at the end of the match.

Northwestern out shot ULM 19-10, but ULM's goalkeeper Jennifer Doran outlasted the Northwestern attack, making 12 saves.

Brittany Cargill and Stephanie O'Neil both had 3 shots on goal a piece. Northwestern goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler made 4 saves on the day, but allowed the match winning goal in the 99th minute of play.

This is the 3rd overtime win for ULM and the 4th overtime loss for Northwestern.

Northwestern will host McNeese State next Tuesday at 3p.m.

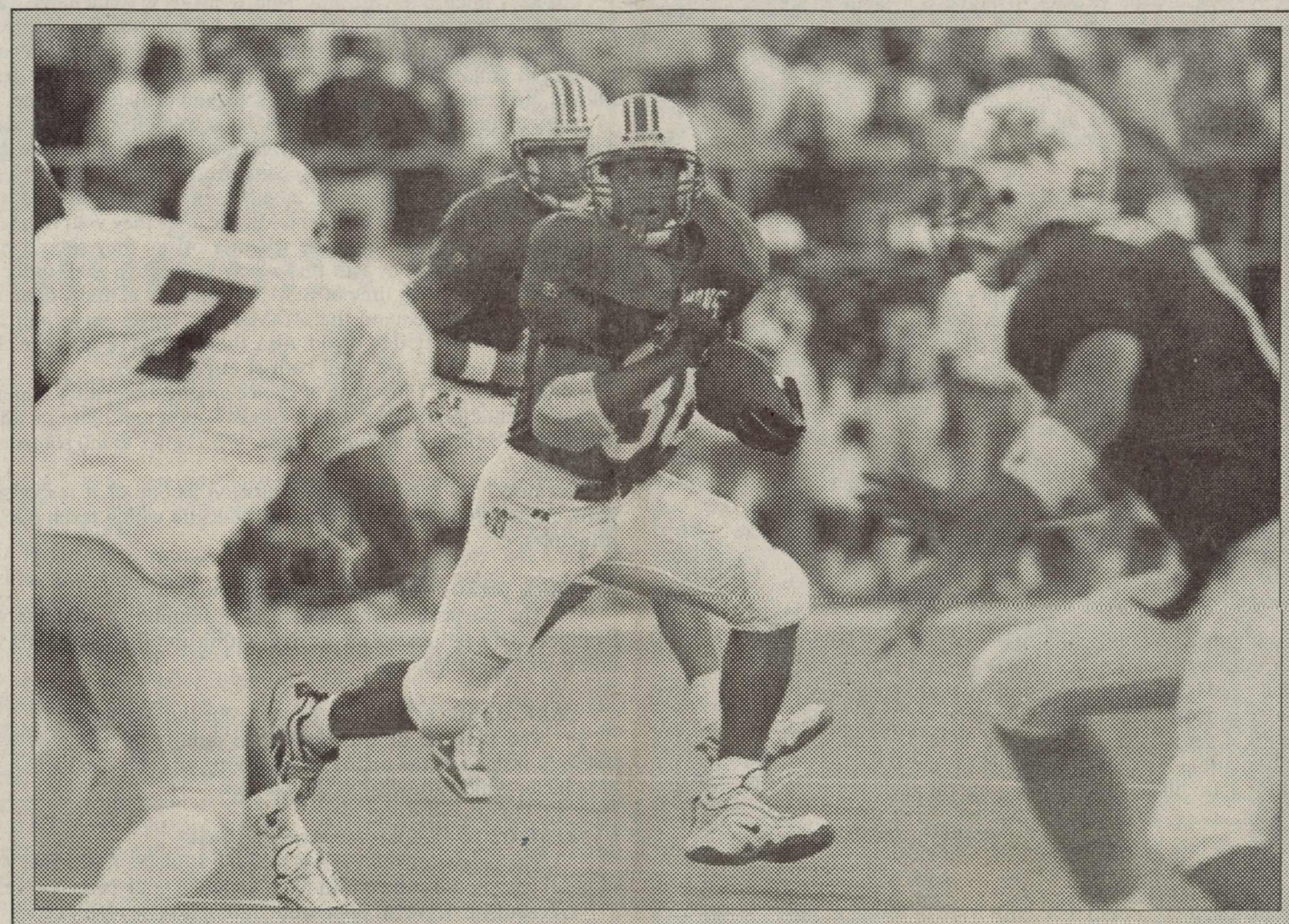

Photo by Heath Crawford

Sophomore tailback Tony Taylor remains a constant for the Demons; he posted 194 yardsin 15 carries, despite sitting out the second quarter due to illness.

Demons smack Nicholls hard

Goodwin posts 100th career victory Saturday

CADE BRUMLEY
SAUCE REPORTER

Northwestern head football coach Sam Goodwin tied Harry Turpin as the winningest coach in school history as his Demons smacked the Nicholl's State Colonels 42-17 Saturday night to open Southland Conference play at Turpin Stadium.

This explosive Demon offensive drew first blood two plays into the game via a 61-yard touchdown dart by sophomore tailback Tony Taylor. Great blocking is credited for the score, according to Taylor, who was chased by a Colonel defender into the end zone. Taylor, who was again consistent, fell just shy of 200-yards on the night.

"I've got faster all summer," stated Taylor concerning his escape from the Nicholls defender.

The Demon defense held the Nicholls offensive attack to only two second-half touchdowns and a 33-yard field goal by Kyle Leisher in the second quarter.

"We got on the field and made stuff happen," claimed NSU defensive lineman Herchel Monroe.

The suffocating defensive line was able to attain four sacks on the Nicholls quarterback totaling 81-yards.

The Demons struck again in their third offensive sequence on a 27-yard carry by freshman tailback Troy Sumrall. This carry was followed by a 4-yard touchdown run by Sumrall, who gained 81-yards, with only 5:56 remaining in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Northwestern came on strong as Taylor exploded for a 22-yard touchdown run, giving the Demons a 21-0 advantage. An extra point earned by sophomore kicker Clint Sanford followed.

Sanford nailed all of his one-point kicks, but struggled in the second half when a 33-yard field goal was blocked by Nicholls linebacker DeAndre Powell.

Set up by wide receiver Nathan Black's 53-yard reception amidst Nicholls defenders, the first half was capped with a final minute 7-yard touchdown scamper by Sumrall.

A Nicholls State pass was picked off and brought back 34-yards for the score, by freshmen defensive end Terrence Mcgee.

The Demons had four interceptions in the game. Mcgee, who had two interceptions in the game, stressed that he saw them coming the whole way. Also, Judith Sylvester and Kendrick Llorens each had a pick.

After a 1-yard touchdown run by the Colonels, the Demons answered back with a 1-yard score of their own through a run by Jeremy McCullough, which was set up by a 37-yard pass by Brad Spangler to T.J. Sutherland.

Spangler, who got his first start since September, threw for over 100-yards.

"I wasn't real sharp all night, but we got the job done," Spangler said.

He had time to operate in the pocket due to excellent protection given by offensive line led senior center, William Broussard.

"Whenever the quarterback has time to sit back and make some plays and complete some passes, it always looks good," Broussard said in regards to time spent in Spangler's pocket.

The last score of the game came off a 5-yard pass play completed by Colonel quarterback Cooper Collins to running back Kendall Joseph with less than a minute remaining in the game.

"Today we came out and let people know we are capable of beating anybody," said Black, a Demon wide receiver.

During halftime, the much-anticipated dedication of the Jack Clayton Plaza took place.

Participating in the halftime ceremony was Clayton's family, including his wife Nellie, and some of Clayton's former players.

"He's (Clayton) really an unusual, one of a kind guy" Sam Goodwin, Demon head coach, said.

The Demons, who played in front of 10,436 fans took care of business in this conference opener. The Demons will get the chance to improve to 2-0 in conference play next week as they travel to Troy, Ala. to face off with the Troy State Trojans.

"They are the most physical team in the conference," Demon center Broussard claimed about the talented Troy State players.

Cross Country ignites at SFA Invitational

JAY LYLES
SAUCE REPORTER

Last week the legs of the Demon Cross-Country Teams carried them much better than the week before. The Demons hurried over to Stephen F. Austin where they tore up the ground in rival city Nacogdoches, Texas.

They moved ahead from seventh to fourth place results in both the men's and women's races.

Hector Andujo topped the list for the men's team as he brought home 13th place with a time of 21:57.

"I felt great about my time," said Andujo. "I'm really feeling good about the running right now, and I hope to stay healthy and play a bigger role for the team."

Other Demons placed as follows: Danon O'Kelly (15th, 21:34.05), Robert McCormack (18th, 21:55.37), Todd Boddie (19th, 22:01.33) and Mark Keough (21st, 22:09.47). Niel Andrews and Kyle Thomas were not far behind with times of 22:36.66 and 22:35.71 respectively. Both ran very good times but failed to place.

"I'm feeling a lot healthier now, and my times are improving," said Boddie of his time in Texas. "On top of that, it beats the hell out of not finishing the race."

The Lady Demons had an outstanding meet as well.

Chante' Daily topped the list of placing for the team with a seventh place run and a time of 19:45.07.

Another Demon, however, was right on her heels as Jody Weierholt took home eighth place with a time of 19:57.86.

Emily Norton was next with a time of 20:06.96 and an 11th place. Crystal Munsinger recorded a 20:32.42 for 15th place and Lisa Fortenberry rounded out the scoring with a 29th place and time of 23:39.56.

The Demons look much better this week as they prepare to come home for one of the only two home meets that will be held this year, the NSU Invitational. It will be Monday, October 4 at 4 p.m. It will include nine teams from all over Louisiana and Texas.

Demons face crucial game

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SPORTS EDITOR

For the Northwestern State Demons, the crucial game come for them this week as they take on the Troy State Trojans in Troy Ala. Saturday.

The Demons look to defend their Southland Football League crown, after dishing a 42-17 loss to the Nicholls State Colonels.

The Troy State matchup is an old one for Northwestern State as the Demons have faced the Trojans for 33 years. Northwestern State currently trails in the series 8-3.

For the past two seasons the two teams have spoiled each other's homecoming festivities with one team winning 14-13. Two seasons ago Troy State took a 14-3 loss amidst torrienial winds and rain. The Demons fell 14-13 last year, knocking Northwestern from a nine-game home winning streak.

Spangler

Since the Demons have spent so much time on the road, they have adopted their 1988 persona of the "Road Warriors."

The road has not been kind, with Northwestern State losing three games: Southern, Southern Mississippi and Louisana-Monroe. Southern continues with an undefeated 5-0 record, while Southern Mississippi holds steady with a 2-2 mark.

The Trojans currently stand in the SFL undefeated with a 4-0 mark, with a 48-31 win over Middle Tennessee State and 31-24 over Cincinnati. At Middle Tennessee, sophomore quarterback Brock Nutter 390 yard on 20 of 29 passes. The Trojans ended the game with 542 total offensive yards.

The Demon offense is led by sophmore tailback Tony Taylor with an average of 125.6 yards per game and ranked 13th nationally.

The Demons top many categories in the Southland Football League, including first downs (92) , pass efficiency defense (95.1) and quarterback sacks (20).

The problem the Demons have faced on the road has been turnovers. The Demons have committed 18 turnovers in the form of eight interceptions thrown and 10 fumbles. During the 14 games last year the Demon had 22 turnovers.

Also returning to the quarterback spot will be Brad Spangler who posted a 100-yard game.

The Demons have also won their last six SFL road games.

Those individuals not making the trip to Troy can watch the game from the comfort of home. Alabam-based College Sports Southeast will broadcast the game and should reach an estimated 30 million satellite viewers. The game will be seen on KNTS Channel 17 in Natchitoches.

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The Natchitoches Tour of Homes was this weekend. See how everything went on **PAGE 4.**

Random Hearts opened in the number two spot at the box office this weekend. For a compete list see **PAGE 5**

The Demons battled Troy St. in a deluge Saturday. **Page 7**

Four weeks' grades serve as early warning system

JONI NAQUIN
SAUCE REPORTER

Many students are studying and working harder now that four weeks' grades have been sent out.

Students who have a failing grade in any 900-level, 1,000 level, and some 2,000 level courses will see a four-week grade. These courses are mainly enrolled with freshmen, and the Office of Academic Advising would like new students to be more aware of their options.

"This is an early warning system, basically," Christie Anderson, coordinator of Academic Advising said. "We want them to know how they are doing early enough in the semester ... so they can get the help to improve their grades or they know to drop it."

The grades are sent to a students' permanent address, so many parents will be able to see these grades. However, the Office of Academic Advising does not intentionally send the grades to parents. Anderson said that when parents' receive the letter addressed to the student, they open the letter, and are able to read the grades.

NSU began implementing the four-week grade policy in the fall of last year. So far the Office of Academic Advising is pleased with the result.

"What we have found is that failing grades, the number of D's and F's, have dropped significantly in classes," Anderson said. "That is what we want more students to do; either improve their grades or even withdraw from the class."

Along with the improving grades, withdrawals also went up.

"As the number of D's and F's go down, a lot of the withdrawals will go up, but it means that we accomplished what we set out to accomplish," Anderson said.

The four-weeks' grades were designed to give students an early warning signal before midterms so that those with failing grades have more time to improve grades or drop a class.

"We want students to know how they are doing, what is available to them and what their options are," she added.

Anderson replaced Sandra Mixon as the Coordinator of Academic Advising.

Before replacing Mixon, Anderson served as an intern in the Academic Advising office. She earned her Masters' in May of this year.

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University to adopt new computer systems in 2000

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SAUCE REPORTER

Beginning in January 2000, two new systems, Blackboard.com and Pipeline will be implmented into the NSU computer system.

Blackboard.com has recently been adopted as the web-base delivery system for NSU and will be hosted on NSU's server.

As of now, Blackboard.com is in the pilot phase, meaning that it's a temporary data base storing information for professors to begin developing content for spring courses.

Several professors have been using Blackboard.com as a supplement to their regular class, posting important notices such as test dates or any kind of information that would be beneficial for the professor to communicate to the student.

According to Darlene Williams, the Electronic Learning Systems Coordinator and Trainer at the Computer Center, the most important advantage to Blackboard.com is that it "offers more interaction between the professor and the student."

"I think it's wonderful." said Williams. "There can be continous interaction between the professor and the student other than e-mail."

Other advantages to Blackboard.com include it's being more user-friendly and easier from an administrative standpoint to post tests, quizzes, assignments, etc.

The current system that NSU is using is Topclass which is a software package that organizes the course access and gives a standard interface for both the faculty and the students.

To compare Topclass with Blackboard.com, Blackboard.com provides more opportunities for both the student and the instructor.

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> DARLENE WIILLIAMS
> COORDINATOR, ELS

"I think it's going to be a better online environment for students and for those taking online courses," said Williams. "Blackboard.com will be something easier for students to access."

The second system soon to be implemented at NSU is Pipeline. Pipeline is the first major effort to organize all of the services offered on campus and make them easily available through a portal.

NSU will be among the first universities in the country to use Pipeline. SET, the company from which NSU purchased the software that runs all major systems on campus, gave NSU the Pipline sofware which would have normally cost the University over $200,000.

Pipeline is an organization of the services that are available on campus, making them available electronically as well as providing pertinent information.

By using Pipeline, individual students will have several options, whereas before their options were limited. Students

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photo by Gary Hardamon

Raiders of the Lost Ark

NSU archaeologists and NASA joined forces last week to try to better understand the Los Adaes State Commemorative Area, the one-time capital of the Province of Texas and an early 1700s Spanish fort. *See* **Archaeology** *page 2.*

Water pipes break around campus

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SAUCE REPORTER

Several water pipes broke on campus, four in the last two weeks.

NSU' s Physical Plant had to call in workers from Rutledge Plumbing to make emergency repairs at several areas on campus because of sudden pipe breakage due to the hardness of the ground.

"It's just snapping the pipes," Airhart said. "The city is having problems with chill water pipes breaking, also."

One area needing this emergency repair was in the middle of the practice soccer field where a major chilled water line snapped. Although there was no noticeable loss of pressure, emergency repair was needed because the pipe feeds chilled water required for air conditioning to the old BA building and Fournet Hall.

Airhart said it would cost about $1,792 to repair the leak.

In addition, a six-inch steam feed underneath the eastside of Prather Coliseum broke, requiring emergency repair.

Airhart said, "It's going to cost some major dollars."

Airhart did not have an estimate of the cost because it had to be done under emergency circumstances.

Because repairs require workers to go into the main mechanical room located six feet underground, Airhart said the cost would be substantial.

Perhaps, more noticeable to students was the leak between the home economics building and Fournet Hall. The break occurred on Oct. 4 in an area that had previously been roped off.

This area was restricted because of a break at that site two months prior. Water drained from the break to the lower area

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Photo by Heath Crawford

Recent breaks in water valves have had students trying to avoid huge mudholes. One of the major areas is beside Morrison Hall.

File Photo

Senior Heath Crawford lounges in his off-campus apartment. Some students may not be so lucky in the future, according to a recent article in the *Shreveport Times*.

Times' article raises housing issues on-campus

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor in chief

An Oct. 3 article in The Shreveport Times about housing fee increases has caused concern about the University's housing policy.

The article, written by *Times* reporter Monica Carter, reported that the University would enforce a University of Louisiana System policy, which requires unmarried, full-time undergraduate students in Natchitoches to live on campus.

"We're going to be a lot tougher in that enforcement in the spring," Mary Edith Stacy, director of auxiliary services, stated. "We'll notify the students that they have to live on campus."

According to Vice President for Student Affairs Dan Seymour, the article left out the fact that the policy only applies to students under 21 years old. Seymour stressed this was not a change in policy for the University.

Seymour also mentioned that there is an exemption list for those students who wish to live off campus. He said the exemptions have always been in place, as did the policy requiring students to live on campus.

Since Seymour arrived to the office of vice president for Student Affairs in the spring of 1998, he has made a shift to follow the set policies and hasten the process.

"We redesigned the form to make it easier for students to check off," Seymour said. "We also put together an appeals committee to review the applications."

According to the application for off campus residency, exemptions include residing with a family member, military veterans or medical problems.

To date, no one who has applied for an exemption has been turned down, Seymour said.

The enforcement of the policy came along with a three-year plan to raise fees to offset the rising costs associated with the residence halls.

Frances Conine, director of student services, said the price hikes help the University maintain the residence halls and keep up with the rising costs of utilities.

Fees rose $75 this fall, and another $75 increase will be decided on this spring.

Administrators will decide about next fall's increase in a few months, Stacy stated. "We want to let students know as soon as we know."

Applications for off campus residency or more information about residential fee increases can be found in the auxillary services office, Student Union.

News

News Briefs

Scotish church criticized over abortion issue

Abortion-rights activists have criticized a Scottish Catholic Church aid program for paying a 12-year-old girl to not have an abortion.

The unidentified girl, who lives in England and is now midway through her pregnancy, was advised by teachers and social workers to terminate the pregnancy because of her young age, the British news agency Press Association reported Sunday.

However, her unemployed parents contacted the Scottish Catholic Church's Pro-life Initiative, a program set up to offer alternatives to abortion.

The family was offered immediate financial help if the girl chose to carry the child to term.

The amount of the payments was not disclosed, but the action drew quick and pointed criticism from abortion-rights groups in Britain.

"Offering money to a child to keep her baby is bribery and removes choice," said Sarah Colborn of the National Abortion Campaign.

But Roseann Reddy, coordinator of the Pro-life Initiative, said the program got involved after the family decided that the girl would keep the baby.

``The parents wanted to support the girl, but could not afford the baby clothes, and that is where we step in," Ms. Reddy said.

CIA says encephalitis outbreak not the work of terrorists

The CIA concluded that the recent encephalitis outbreak in the New York area was not the work of terrorists, an agency official said today.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press there's no evidence Iraq or any other foreign government was involved.

The CIA ``looked into rumors which appeared in British media and elsewhere," the official said.

City officials also played down any suggestions of bioterrorism.

``Nothing indicates that this was anything other than a natural outbreak," Jerome Hauer, director of the city's emergency management office, said Sunday.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also said there was no evidence to suggest the recent outbreak was anything other than "Mother Nature at work."

Second trial to begin in hate killing

A year after the beating death of Matthew Shepard, the man accused of instigating the attack went on trial today as small groups of anti-gay protesters and people dressed as angels demonstrated outside.

Wearing golden halos and costumes made of white bedsheets, the 17 angels stood silently in a street near the courthouse. Representing Angel Action, Romaine Patterson, 21, of State College, Pa., said her colleagues wanted to send a message of love.

They faced a half dozen protesters from Kansas who waved signs with anti-gay slogans. The Rev. Fred Phelps, 69, of Topeka, Kan., said his followers wanted ``to insert a little sanity and truth into this mad orgy."

About 66 potential jurors were subpoenaed for the start of jury selection in the trial of Aaron McKinney, who is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery. If convicted, McKinney, 22, could be sentenced to death.

His alleged co-conspirator, Russell Henderson, 22, received two life sentences after pleading guilty in April to felony murder and kidnapping.

Shepard, 21, was lured from a bar on Oct. 7, 1998, driven to a remote prairie, tied to a fence, pistol-whipped into unconsciousness and left to die on the freezing plains. He died five days later in a hospital.

McKinney, who has said he had no idea Shepard was gay and does not hate homosexuals, has pleaded innocent. His trial date coincided with several memorials commemorating the first anniversary of the slaying.

Campus Connections

Everyone: There are a few orginazations who have begun to take Campus Connections for granted. This a free service provided to organizations for the purpose of providing public service announcements or meeting times to the campus. The Current Sauce is perfectly entitled to bill you for advertising if you continue to take this service for granted. In the future, please limit annoncements to the essentials. Again, this is directed at only a few organizations.

Purple Jackets: Everyone be sure to attend our next meeting, Oct. 18 at 9:00 p.m. in the Student Union.

Phi Mu Fraternity: Wednesday we have our auction, so be prepared to have fun. Friday is Grub. Do not forget to be at the house at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. We will be going to St. Francis Cabrini Hospital for our philanthropy project. Finally, our informal meeting is Sunday.

Sigma Sigma Sigma: Hope everyone had a great time at the harvest! We love ya'll so much, new members, and can't wait to until Saturday when you initiate.

Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Club: If you are interested in wildlife or enjoy being in the woods, then this is the club for you. We are having a cookout this Thursday in front of the biology building from 10:00 until 2:00. Stop by to learn more about the club and enjoy free food for paid members or $5.00 per plate.

Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E): New meeting time Thursday at 4:00. Members please attend.

Phi Beta Sigma: First annual Evening of Songs Memorial Program: Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom. Admission is free to faculty and students. For more information contact Bruce Smith @ 357-3152.

University archeologist's team up with NASA scientists

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Contributing Writer

NSU archaeologists and NASA joined forces to try to better understand the Los Adaes State Commemorative Area, the one-time capital of the Province of Texas and an early 1700's Spanish fort.

Professor of physics Kerry Knowlton says that Northwestern archeology professors George Avery, Pete Gregory and Jeff Girard, who have all worked with the site extensively in the past, have joined with NASA scientists Marco Giardino and Ramona Travis in the use of ground-penetrating radar to better locate some of the more significant areas at the fort.

According to Knowlton, after the discovery of radar during World War II it was found that radar could travel through the ground. Some uses of the ground-penetrating radar have been in the areas of forensics, mine work and in environmental studies.

"Just within the last 10 years its use has really grown," Knowlton said. "Before, the unit had to be tied to a van with cables and the van had the batteries and the recording equipment. Now, it's so miniaturized they can actually carry the whole unit on their backs."

According to Knowlton, the study had a specific purpose.

"We were looking for traces of foundations of the old buildings," Knowlton said. "They were looking to see whether the moat had been actually dug around the fort. The designs called for the ditch or moat to be dug around the outer walls. Some of the buildings they weren't sure exactly how many there were and exactly where they were located."

Knowlton says the results of the scans show that in one section they found definite traces of the moat but not in another.

"It appears they never dug the moat on that part of it," Knowlton said. "Maybe they decided not to put the moat on one side because the creek ran there."

Knowlton said they were also looking for any relics that may be buried on the site.

"This will guide them in future excavations and it'll tell them where not to dig. If there's not any disturbances there, then they'll know that would not be a very useful place to dig," Knowlton said.

Avery says the use of the ground-penetrating radar is a great asset to archaeology.

"I'm really excited about the non-intrusive technique," Avery said. "Anytime you can look at a site without destroying its integrity is going to be very useful for us."

Clarification

The story in the Sauce last week about renovations to the old women's gym failed to identify that the building work is being funded by the National Park Service for approximately $3.5 million as the new home of the National Center for Preservation Training and Technology, currently housed in South Hall

Pipes: Four breaks occur in last two weeks

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between Kyser and Fournet halls resulting in large puddles of stagnant water.

Airhart said that the pipe is secured for the time being; however, the hole needs to be filled and a new sidewalk needs to be poured. Airhart said the sidewalk would be replaced in a minimum of two weeks.

Another break occurred at the girl's softball field when a line was broken by a backhoe.

"We tore it out accidentally," said Airhart. "It didn't show any mercy."

The damage caused by the workers while trying to replace a hot tap valve will cost about $1,800 to repair.

Although the pipe situation seems to be resolved for now, there are other repairs that need to made. A section of the chilled water pipe in the middle of the soccer field still has a slow leak and needs to be replaced. Airhart said that the replacement would not occur until the temperature cools enough so that air conditioning is not needed.

Because of the weather, Airhart said,"We just can't afford to do it at the present time."

Also, the domestic water main between Fournet and the home economics building needs to be replaced because it has had four major breaks in the last seven years. However, this replacement will not occur until the renovation of Fournet Hall.

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Scholarship established through Foundation

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The NSU Foundation has recently established a new scholarship in honor of a late alumnus.

The Foundation has set up the Col. Ralph E. Ropp Memorial Scholarship to honor Ropp, a Northwestern graduate and Natchitoches native. The two-year scholarship will be given to a junior of any major with at least a 2.5 grade point average. Scholarship guidelines are for the student to preferably be from the Ft. Polk/Leesville area. For information on the scholarship call (318) 357-4414.

"He was a good man who did a lot for his country and this University," Director of Institutional Advancement Tony Gustwick said. "This is a nice way to honor him and help students at the same time."

Ropp was instrumental in devising a program to acquire federal grant land to allow NSU to develop an education center for soldiers and their families. He died in 1993.

Ropp served in the U.S. Army for 27 years in a variety of infantry assignments, from platoon leader to brigade commander, including assignments in Germany, Korea, Vietnam and Turkey.

In the early 70s he was director of a multi-million dollar program to improve the lifestyle of soldiers at Fort Polk.

After serving three years in the Pentagon, he retired from active duty in 1978 while serving as director of public affairs for the Military District of Washington. From 1978 until 1993, he served on the staff of the Association of the United States Army as director of regional activities and was vice president of regional programs when he retired in 1993.

photo by Heath Crawfor

The Queen and her Court

Pictured above is the 1999 Homecoming court. Homecoming week begins on Oct. 25 and culminates on Oct. 30 when the Demons take on Southwest Texas St. in Turpin Stadium. Pictured (l to r) Emily Tracy, Casey Ashley, Virginia Dixon, Camille Nunez, Angelique Duhon (Queen), Erin Brown, Allison Nunley, Jaime McElroy and Rashunda Sims. Not pictured Tasha Jackson.

YWCA and Kisatchie Legal Service team up for Week Without Violence

Michelle Mire
Special to the *Sauce*

Kisatchie Legal Services and the YWCA Office of Fami Violence, along with the NSU Social Work Generalist Practice group and the citizens, are collaborating to present the YWC Week Without Violence from Oct. 17 through Oct. 23 as part the fifth annual international campaign to raise awareness abo non-violent alternatives to conflict.

Started in 1995, the campaign has since spread to all fi states and more than thirty countries.

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will be able to tailor their own pages to provide them with immediate information. For example, students can choose to be updated on the latest football scores, what's happening in their clubs or organizations, current events, etc.

There are many services Pipeline provides for students. In the registration process, a student can look-up classes, drop/add classes, view/print schedules and change class options (pass/fail, audit or credit hours).

When dealing with financial records, a student can apply for finanical aid, view current bills and pay on-line. Students can also change/view address, view holds, view grades, view/print unoffical transcripts and degree audit.

Pipeline will have an integrated e-mail system. It can access e-mail from any browser with Internet access, filter broadcast e-mail messages and work with existing e-mail or as a standalone e-mail server.

Pipeline will have web shopping where anyone can buy a variety of things: textbooks on-line, clothing, computers and music. Discounts may be available through Pipeline.

It will also host applications such as campus aucitons, event calendars, student communities and post/find-it tool Links will be provided for Student Government, The Current Sauce and Campus Organizations.

There will be an on-line research center for faculty and students. Course resources such as syllabuses, online office hours, e-conferencing, discussion forums and student/teacher homepages will also be posted on Pipeline.

"I think any university that plans to be around in the next ten years is going to have to be progessing toward maximizing the electronic systems that allow for the delivery of courses and services," said Dr. Anthony Scheffler, Director of the Computer Center.

YWCA: Special Week Without Violence begins Oct. 18

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"To stop the violence, we must break the silence," said Judy Daniels, Office of Family Violence counselor.

The YWCA Week Without Violence focuses attention on practical, sustainable non-violent alternatives day-by-day. George Sluppick of K-LITE Spotlight will focus discussions on violence all week: Monday-What is Domestic Violence; Tuesday-Facing Violence Among Men; Wednesday- Insight on Religious Aspect; Thursday-Medical View of Domestic Violence; Friday-Legal Interpretation of Domestic Violence.

As part of this campaign, a candlelight vigil, organized by KLSC and YWCA, will be held on October 18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Front Street in Natchitoches. This is in remembrance of victims of domestic violence and to raise awareness of domestic abuse. The public is encouraged to attend.

The YWCA of the USA is the nation's oldest and largest women's membership movement. Operating out of thousands of locations in all fifty states, the YWCA of the USA represents approximately two million women, girls and their families. Its mission, to empower women and girls and to eliminate racism, is the guiding principle to all YWCA childcare, shelter, physical fitness, health awareness and social justice programs.

Kisatchie Legal Services provides free legal services to women who are victims of domestic violence, and they also provide counseling.

NSU Rec Sports
Upcoming Events

Field Goal Kicking
Tue. October 12 @7pm
Turpin Stadium

Team Badminton
Thur. October 14 @5pm
IM Gym

Volleyball Official's Clinic
Mon.-Wed. Oct. 11-13 @6pm
IM Gym

Volleyball Team Captain's Meeting
Wed. Oct. 13 @ 6pm

Demon Homecoming Fun Run
(Barbecue, Pep Rally, Door Prizes)
Free T-Shirts to First 150 to sign-up
Wed. October 27 @4:30

Congratulations!
IM Doubles Tennis Champions
Men's-Cecil Sprague/David Cummings
Women's-Jennifer Graf/Jennifer Orsi

Residence hall security program at full strength

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

Residence hall security is back to full strength after being temporarily understaffed.

"We now have a surplus of workers," said Woody Blair, coordinator of residential life.

Although the housing office continually accepts applications, seven or eight students await open residence hall security positions, said Blair.

"We are always looking for good workers," Blair said.

The housing office divided the shifts into three shifts, as opposed to the previous one shift. Residence hall security now has the option of working from midnight to 6 a.m., from midnight to 3 a.m., or from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m.

With this change more students are able to work as residence hall security, said Blair.

"Service of the students comes first. They [the workers] are there to assist the residents," Blair said. "Basically, they are the eyes of the hall from 12 midnight to 6 a.m."

Residence hall security places a student worker at each dorm between midnight and 6 a.m. These workers prevent non-residents from entering the dorm by verifying at the door the residency of those who enter, said Blair.

"They are there for the safety of the students," Blair said.

In addition, residence hall security ensures that exterior doors of the dorm are closed and locked, said Blair.

"I've only seen them [residence hall security] once. I had no problem," said Jason Newman, a freshman resident. "As far as I know, everything with security is okay."

Stacie Cosby, another freshman resident, agreed.

"I think that they're taking good steps to insure security. I feel safe," Cosby said.

For the past three to four years, the University Police has been responsible for residential hall security. During the summer the housing office resumed control of residence hall security.

The temporary change was made to alleviate the workload of the housing office.

Accreditation team visits University

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

The CSWE site team came to the University last Monday and Tuesday for Northwestern's Social Work Accreditation.

"The site team study is a professional program for social majors," said David Breedlove, administrative assistant for the social work department. "The program is for juniors and seniors with the right requirements.

Starting with a self-study, the site team makes up the program and what it should consist of. Not including freshmen and sophomores, 101 people are in the social work program.

"The Council on Social Work Education sent two site team members to the University," said Claudia Triche, the social work department head. "Dr. Rebecca Turner from Jacksonville, Ala. and Dr. Alonzo Cabazos from Harlingen, Texas."

Turner is the associate vice-president of Academic Affairs at Jacksonville State University in Alabama. Cabazos is the program director for the BSW program at University of Texas-Pan American, said Triche.

"They came here for a two-day visit to verify and clarify our application for re-affirmation of accreditation," said Triche.

Triche also said that the purpose of the site team is to validate the self-study documents and chronicle the social work program by discussing each aspect of the program directly with the institutional administrators, the program chief administrator, classroom and field faculty, students, alumni and other interested parties.

The self-study document is the social work department's response to evaluative standards for program rationale and assessment, organization, governance and resources.

It carries out several tasks, such as describing the program in detail. It presents the documents' goals, objectives, outcomes, achievements in relation to its goals and objectives, strengths, future plans, limitations and plans to correct them. The site team looks at non-discrimination, faculty, student development, curriculum and the department's alternative program at the Cen-la campus, said Triche.

Organizational pictures

Tuesday through Thursday

Tuesday, October 12

Alpha Phi Alpha- 4:30
Alpha Omicron Pi- 4:45
Greek Council- 5:00
Kappa Alpha Order- 5:15
Delta Sigma Theta- 5:30
Sigma Sigma Sigma- 5:45
Pan-Hellenic- 6:00
Kappa Sigma- 6:15
Alpha Kappa Alpha- 6:30
Interfraternity Council- 6:45
Kappa Alpha Psi- 7:00
Panhellenic- 7:15
Phi Mu- 7:30
Phi Beta Sigma- 7:45
Sigma Nu- 8:00
Zeta Phi Beta- 8:15
Tau Kappa Epsilon- 8:30
Theta Chi- 8:45
Pi Kappa Phi- 9:00

Wednesday, October 13

African-American Caucus- 4:30
Alpha Kappa Delta- 4:40
Anthropological Society- 4:50
Beta Beta Beta- 5:00
Catholic Student Organization- 5:10
Campus Ministries International- 5:20
Club Soccer- 5:30
Demon Sweethearts- 5:40
Inspirational Mass Choir- 5:50
International Radio and television society- 6:00
Kappa Mu Epsilon- 6:10
Mathematics Association of America- 6:20
Mu Epsilon Delta- 6:30
National Order of Omega- 6:40
Phi Beta Lambda- 6:50
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia- 7:00
Purple Jackets- 7:10
Sigma Gamma Rho- 7:20
Society/Advancement Mgt.- 7:30
Student Theatre Union- 7:40
Spanish Club- 7:50
NSU Powerlifting Team- 8:00
Veterinary Technology Club- 8:10
Student Personnel Association- 8:20
Tau Beta Sigma- 8:30

Thursday, October 14

StudentS in Free Enterprise- 4:30
Alpha Eta Rho- 4:40
American Chemical Society- 4:50
Baptist Collegiate Ministry- 5:00
Blue Key National Honor Fraternity- 5:10
CAN-DO- 5:20
Circle K International- 5:30
Council of Ye Revels- 5:40
Health and Human Performance Club- 5:50
International Student Organization- 6:00
Louisiana Scholars' College Forum- 6:10
MENC- 6:20
National Association of Industrial Technology- 6:30
Phi Eta Sigma- 6:40
PRSSA- 6:50
NSU Rowing Team- 7:00
Social Work Club- 7:10
Student Activities Board- 7:20
Society of Physics Students- 7:30
Student Government Association- 7:40
Psi Chi- 7:50
Wesley Westminster Foundation- 8:00

PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN IN THE MAGALE RECITAL HALL IN THE CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE TEN MINUTES BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED TIME. ONLY NSU CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR THE YEARBOOK.

FEATURES

MY SIDE

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

Tradition is something that is visible around every corner, in each building and on every street in Natchitoches.

Yet, so many Northwestern students remain oblivious to their own campus' rich history.

Perhaps my feelings are rooted in my own family's tradition, which heavily revolves around Northwestern. Being the fourth member of my family to attend NSU, learning the history of the University came before learning to walk.

When I arrived at Northwestern, I came prepared to learn more about The Columns and the old buildings that make up our campus.

I became dismayed when, in none of my classes, was the history of Northwestern discussed, not even in orientation.

During my parents' years at Northwestern, every student was taught the fight song and the alma mater.

Written on most first pages of the *Potpourri*'s was the alma mater. And although it's a little confusing, at least it was common knowledge.

Today, when I attend football games, I can count, on one hand, the number of Northwestern students I see raising their hands in the traditional "fork 'em" sign during the alma mater.

I could also probably count, on one hand, the number of people who know the background of The Columns or this history of Isabella.

Is this their fault? Not exactly.

Unfortunately, for most students, learning is not something chosen, but required. Therefore, unless the history of our university is taught at every possible chance, these students will remain unaware of the very soul of their school.

So many students are probably pondering, "What difference does it make if I know about NSU's history?"

Plenty.

Let me first give a few examples of how tradition is displayed at other universities.

First, one of my favorite schools, the University of Notre Dame. Before each football game, the players slap their palms against a sign that has the school's mascot and logo emblazoned across it, as they rush onto the field.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? But, it has been done for several decades.

At another university, graduates walk for half a mile up a hill to touch a bell, which is the school's "Columns", before entering the stadium for graduation.

Who cares that we aren't Notre Dame. Does that mean we shouldn't be aware of, and appreciate, our own history?

In years to come, when we tell our children about our days at Northwestern, shouldn't our memories speak of the beauty of Northwestern as we remember it? To them, we will be speaking of its history.

So doesn't it make sense that we gain an understanding of NSU's history as it stands today?

Our administration has already taken a step in the right direction by not allowing Northwestern to become the University of Louisiana at Natchitoches.

Hopefully, they will continue to pursue this particular endeavor and further teach students about the importance of knowing NSU's history, so that, when we see the Columns, they will mean more to us than three white pillars.

A tour of the past

File Photo
The 45th annual Natchitoches Pilgrimage of Historic Homes and Plantations kicked off this weekend with a candlelight ceremony Friday night. Sixteen historic homes and nine admission-free historical sites were included on the tour of homes.

STEPHANIE DANBY
SAUCE REPORTER

Six thousand people spent a weekend in the past during the 45th Annual Natchitoches Pilgrimage of Historic Homes and Plantations.

The Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, Inc. joined to stage the tour that brings the past of Natchitoches to life through a 72-hour evolution back in time.

The annual tour began in 1954 as an opportunity for homeowners in Natchitoches to openup their homes to the community and show off their homes and furnishings.

However, through the years the focus of the tour has gradually changed from the structure of the homes to the structure of the families who occupied them.

"We moved through the focus on furniture, on the restoration process of the house and on individual activities such as reenactments, cookie baking and cut-glass displays," Steve Horton, President of Natchitoches Historic Foundation, Inc., said. "This year, the focus is on family and how families interacted in the time that the house was built."

According to Horton, there's been a major surge of restorations among Natchitoches homes in the last 10 to 15 years.

"The mixture of the homes range from anything that's about 75 to 80 years old . . . to some that were built in 1776," Horton said.

The "in-period" restorations to the homes may fool some into believing that they are just for show when, in fact, many remain full-functioning homes.

The Tante Huppe House, located at 424 Jefferson Street, has seen several generations pass through its door and is on its sixth generation owner.

The entire Tauzin family was raised in the Tauzin Plantation at 1950 Williams Ave.

Carol Wells, owner of the Wells House, resides in what is suspected to be the oldest home in the Louisiana Purchase that is still standing.

Every home in the tour is lived in with the exception of Melrose Plantation and the Kate Chopin House.

The Melrose Plantation is a National Historic Landmark and is currently a "working plantation" in Melrose while the Kate Chopin House is home to the Bayou Folk Museum in Cloutierville.

Although these two homes were not included in the "family focus" category, they were among the 16 historic homes that participated in the annual tour.

"The homes that are open are all different," Horton said. "All have different backgrounds, represent different tastes and have different types of families."

The 45th Annual Tour began by candlelight Friday evening.

With candles in hand, the guests on Jefferson Street visited the Metoyer-Brown Townhouse, the Levy-East House and ended the evening with a reception at the Pierson-Lucky House.

On their tour, visitors tasted life as it was during the period of the homes and heard tales of life in Natchitoches at the turn of the century.

Saturday morning, ten historic homes opened their doors to welcome in the Town and Plantation Tours.

From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., tour guests took advantage of the opportunity to visit historical homes throughout Natchitoches.

The Tante Huppe House on Jefferson Street, the Chaplin House and the Fleur de Lis Inn on Rue Poete and the Tauzin Plantation on Williams Avenue all helped make up the Natchitoches Town Tour.

Although many of these homes were of good size for their time, it seems the farther south you drive, the bigger the houses get.

The Cane River Plantation Tour took place approximately 20 minutes south of Natchitoches in an area that is home to the Kate Chopin House, the Cherokee Plantation, Beau Fort Plantation, Melrose Plantation and Magnolia Plantation.

Here, visitors learned about the customs of planters, who once lived on these plantations and were given an insight to the nuances of plantation life.

"We try to get the homeowners away from focusing on furniture to focusing on what happened," Horton said. "People are more interested in the recreation of family."

Saturday evenings' Candlelight Tour took place on the east bank of Cane River Lake along Williams Avenue.

By the light of their candles, guests toured the Swett-Simmons House, the Lambre-Gwinn House and the Wells House.

During this tour, Carol Wells performed a bousillage demonstration in the living room of the Wells House to show how the house was constructed in 1776.

In doing this, she actually removed a block of bousillage from her wall and showed the guests how to reconstruct the missing section and put it back into place.

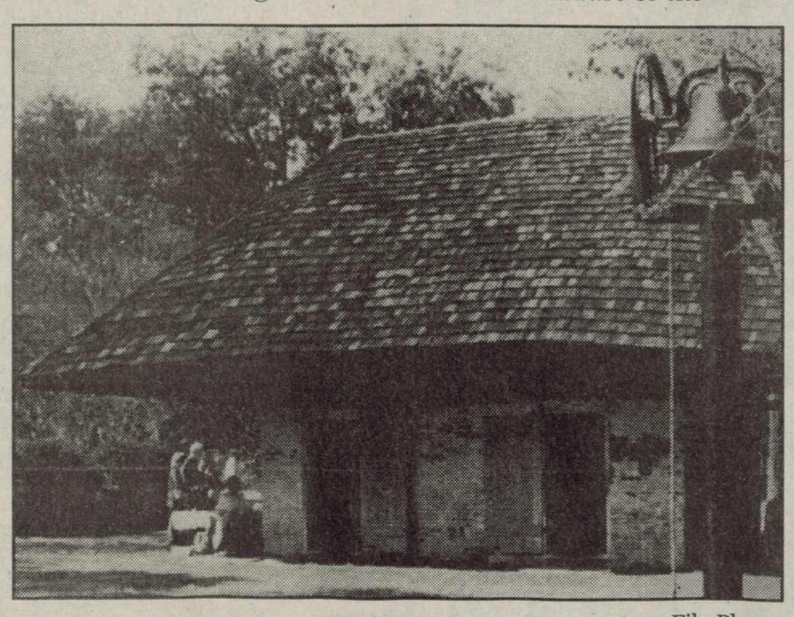
The Town and Plantation Tours resumed Sunday morning giving visitors the chance to re-tour some of their favorite homes or tour any location they might have missed Saturday.

"The neat thing about pilgrimage is that Natchitoches steps back 100 to 150 years as a town," Horton said. "It impresses me that we have the ability to do it so quickly and see such a positive production from it."

Each tour was 100 percent self-guided and included free admission for all points of interest with the purchase of a tour package.

The admission-free historical sites included the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the Bishop Martin Museum, Trinity Episcopal Church, Cunningham Building, American Cemetery, St. Augustine Church and Cemetery, St. Charles Chapel and the Lemee House.

"Time has gone on for Natchitoches, but at this one particular point it stops," Horton said. "I think as we enter the millennium the focus is going back to family. The tour just captures that same spirit."



File Photo
The African House, located at Melrose Plantation, was built by slaves, and used as slave quarters.

File Photo
One of the fourteen lived-in homes, The Tante Huppe House, was built in the mid-1800s and has housed six generations of the same family.

ONE DOWN...FOUR TO GO

HEATH CRAWFORD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With one deadline down and four to go, the 1999-2000 *Potpourri* staff are continuously preparing for what they hope will be a uniquely memorable yearbook.

Each year, the staff of the *Potpourri* has the task of selecting exactly how the new yearbook will be put together.

This year is no different.

Editor Melissa Robertson says that they began in the summer with planning what stories would be present in the book.

After the selection of specific stories was made, the staff then had to write the stories and request pictures that would go along with the theme of the yearbook.

Assistant editor Josh Beavers says that the theme of the book is a celebration of the past century.

"The theme is 'Through the Hands of Time'," Beavers said. "We're incorporating old and new. We're calling a lot of alumni, and we're asking them what it was like back in the 40's or 60's and 70's, if it's changed and how they feel about it."

The *Potpourri* staff has a total of five deadlines over four months.

According to Beavers, they just completed their first deadline of 56 pages.

There isn't time for the staff to relax, though. Their next deadline is less than one month away.

"We sent in extra pages this deadline, but we still have to have 64 pages for the next deadline," Beavers said. "It's very hectic ... very strenuous ... very stressful, and I'm glad this first deadline is over."

Section editor Earl Gates said that the main goal of this first deadline and the following four deadlines is to be consistent.

"We just want everything to be consistent as far as the page layout and staying with the theme," Gates said. "We wanted to make sure we had enough quality material with no major problems."

Robertson says her original expectations for the book have been exceeded due mainly to her staff.

"It's actually turning out more than what I had expected," Robertson said. "I've got a really great staff, who sees what I had envisioned, and they're just doing so much more with it. Everyone is adding their own little aspects, which just makes for a greater image."

The 1999-2000 will be distributed the last two weeks of the spring semester.

Not a pumpkin anymore

MARY FREEMAN
SAUCE REPORTER

Approximately eight to ten thousand people attended "Cinderella" during its eight performances.

"In terms of the size of the audience, it's the single most successful thing we've ever done," said Jack Wann head of the theatre department.

"It was successful in attendance, color, and how the audience received it," Wann said. "I think it's one of the best we've done here. I was pleased by the large attendance, and the diversity in the crowd."

The show went together in about four weeks, Wann said.

"For a show of this size, to be done at the first of the season, it was a hard push," Wann said. "It was a big undertaking for a first show."

One of the highlights for the actors was performing for the children.

"Performing for the kids and knowing that it's probably the first show they've ever seen was a great feeling," said senior Jena Westbrook.

"My favorite part was the overall camaraderie of the cast in wanting to present the story," Wann recalled. "The cast really outdid themselves."

One problem during the show was matching up the house, Wann said.

It was tricky because the house was so large. It had to be broken up into three parts, and it took eight people to move it.

Overall, Wann said he was "pretty much satisfied," and wishes only that they had a longer run.

"It seems that the University community, the students and faculty, and the community at large, really took this one to heart," Wann said.

BSB, Spears Lead MTV Europe Awards Nominations

File Photo

The Backstreet Boys have four nominations for the 1999 MTV Europe Awards in the categories of Best Pop Artist, Best Group, Best Album and Best Song. The show is set for Nov. 11.

TIFFANY C. LANG
SAUCE REPORTER

MTV announced the presenters, performers and nominees for the 1999 MTV Europe Awards, and the list is heavy with U.S. acts. Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys each received four nominations, the most of any artist. Other multiple nominees include Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Will Smith, Lauryn Hill, Whitney Houston, Eminem, Madonna, the Cardigans, Boyzone, Jamiroquai, The Offspring, TLC, Basement Jaxx, Fatboy Slim and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. The lineup of performers promises a good show with Louisiana native Britney Spears, the Cardigans, Mariah Carey, the Corrs, Jamiroquai, Sean "Puffy" Combs, Whitney Houston, The Offspring and Underworld lined up for the show. Presenters for the show, which will be hosted by Ronan Keating of Boyzone, include Pierce Bronsan, Denise Richards, Carmen Electra, Christina Aguilera, Jay-Z, L.L. Cool J and Mary J. Blige, among others. The awards show will take place at The Point in Dublin on November 11.

Here is the complete list of who is up for what:

Best Male Artist
Ricky Martin
George Michael
Sasha
Will Smith
Robbie Williams

Best Female Artist
Geri Halliwell
Lauryn Hill
Whitney Houston
Madonna
Britney Spears

Best Pop Artist
Backstreet Boys
Boyzone
Five
Ricky Martin
Britney Spears

Best Breakthrough Artist
Eminem
Jennifer Lopez
Britney Spears
Vengaboys
Westlife

Best Group
Backstreet Boys
The Cardigans
Jamiroquai
The Offspring
TLC

Best R&B Artist
Mariah Carey
Lauryn Hill
Whitney Houston
Jennifer Lopez
TLC

Best Hip-Hop Artist
Beastie Boys
Busta Rhymes
Eminem
Sean "Puffy" Combs
Will Smith

Best Dance Artist
Basement Jaxx
Chemical Brothers
Fatboy Slim
Jamiroquai
Mr. Oizo

Best Rock Artist
The Cardigans
Lenny Kravitz
Marilyn Manson
The Offspring
Red Hot Chili Peppers

Best Album
Backstreet Boys, "Millennium"
Boyzone, "By Request"
Lauryn Hill, "The Miseducation Of Lauryn Hill"
The Offspring, "Americana"
Red Hot Chili Peppers, "Californication"

Best Song
Backstreet Boys, "I Want It That Way"
Madonna, "Beautiful Stranger"
George Michael with Mary J. Blige, "As"
Britney Spears, "Baby One More Time"
TLC, "No Scrubs"

Best Video
Aphex Twin, "Windowlicker"
Bjork, "All Is Full Of Love"
Blue, "Coffee And TV"
Fatboy Slim, "Praise You"
George Michael with Mary J. Blige, "As"

Best UK & Ireland Act
Basement Jaxx
Boyzone
Lynden David Hall
Manic Street Preachers
Texas
Westlife

Best Italian Act
Alex Britti
Elio e le Storie Tese
Jovanotti
Negrita
Vasco Rossi

Best German Act
Absolute Beginner
Freundeskreis
Guano Apes
Xavier Naidoo
Sasha

Best Nordic Act
Jennifer Brown
The Cardigans
Andreas Johnson
Lene Marlin
Petter

Jackson divorces

Michael Jackson and wife Debbie Rowe have called it quits after three years of marriage and two children.

According to Jackson's spokesman, the couple have "mutually agreed to end their marriage" and will "remain friends."

Jackson and Rowe have been separated since mid-July but Rowe filed for divorce on Friday in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences.

The two met in 1996 when Rowe was working as a nurse for a doctor who was treating Jackson for his rare skin disease, vitilego. They were married in November of that year, when Rowe was seven months pregnant with their first child, Prince. Their daughter, Paris Michael Katherine, was born in April 1998.

During the marriage, the children lived with Jackson on his Neverland ranch in Santa Barbara, Calif., while Rowe lived in Los Angeles. According to the media, she had little part in the children's lives. It has not yet been reported which parent will have custody of the children.

Press reports have described the children's lives as strange, with the air they breathe being checked regularly for impurities and toys that have been dropped on the ground being discarded.

This was the second marriage for the King of Pop, who was previously wed to Lisa Marie Presley.

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Double Jeopardy No. 1 at box office again

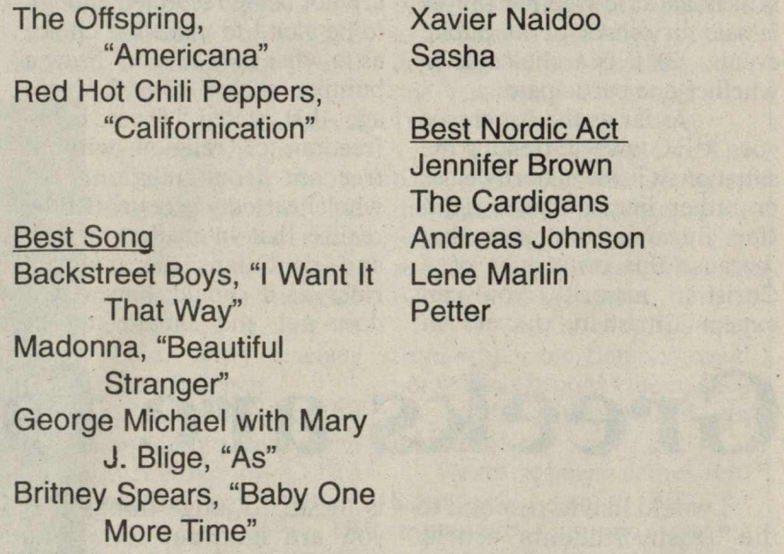
Double Jeopardy, starring Ashley Judd and Tommy Lee Jones, continued its three week reign as the top-grossing film at the box office this weekend. The thriller took in $13.6 million, bringing its total domestic gross to $65.8 million.

Falling just short of Double Jeopardy's weekend ticket sales was the new romantic drama Random Hearts, starring Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas. Hearts earned $13.1 million, placing it in the No. 2 position of weekend films in wide release.

Three Kings captured the No. 3 spot with a weekend gross of $11.7 million and a total gross of $32.4 million. The film is based on the adventures of soldiers in the Gulf War and stars George Clooney, Mark Whalberg and Ice Cube.

The critically acclaimed American Beauty, starring Kevin Spacey, expanded its release to over 1,000 theaters and drew in $9.2 million this weekend to win fourth place at the box office.

In fifth place was Superstar, a spin-off of the Mary Katherine Gallagher character on Saturday Night Live, which took in $9 million in its first weekend.



File Photo

Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas star in Random Hearts, the No. 2 film at the box office last weekend.

The Sixth Sense held onto a firm position in the top ten for the eleventh consecutive week. The Bruce Willis vehicle earned $6.1 million to secure the No. 6 position, but will have to do battle with one of its own next week when Willis and Michelle Phieffer debut in The Story of Us.

The Martin Lawrence comedy Blue Streak fell to No. 7 with $5.5 million, but finished far ahead of the eighth place film, Drive Me Crazy. The teen comedy made a paltry $3.7 million in its second week.

The Adventures of Elmo In Grouchland and For Love of the Game each earned $2.1 million to tie for ninth place for the weekend.

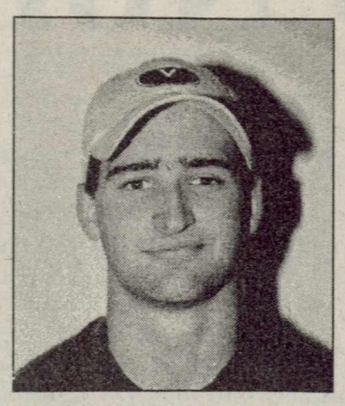
EDITORIALS

Current Quotes

What is the most important thing the University could change today?

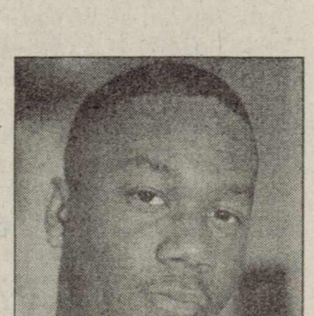
"Make Financial Aid more effective."

Chad Black, Freshman



"Take better care of our campus and facilities."

Wes Breeden, Sophomore



"NSU needs to refer to the Student Handbook where it states Northwestern's motto 'students come first.'"

Michael Addison, Junior

"Make student life more positive."

Emily Leonard, Senior

Letters to the editor

Prayer is not universal

In the last edition of the Current Sauce, Chris Conway stated that he did not understand why there is so much fuss about prayer in school and at public events. This issue can be addressed on many levels; Iíll try to sum them up in as few points as possible.

The overhanging issue is the question of choice. 1) It is a choice as to whether prayer is said in school or at public events. 2) It is a choice as to whether one participates.

As far as the fist choice goes, Mr. Conway is treating the situation as if the majority rules or rather ìmight makes rightî (for instance, he says that "because this country is of a Christian majority, you can expect Christian prayers at these games"). I, for one, do not believe that this line of thinking can be applied to this scenario. It is the "majority rules" thinking in matters of religion and public schools which led to Kansas' removal of evolution and the Big Bang from the required school curriculum. This is a tragedy in and of itself because it means that children are not being respected enough to be aloud to make the choice as to what they believe. I saw a bumper sticker several weeks ago that stated "There is no freedom of religion without freedom from religion." I wholeheartedly concur. (I fully realize that in matters of law and politicians the majority rules, as it should; however, it does not and should not in matters of religion and public, i.e. among people of diverse beliefs.)

As far the second choice goes, it is true that no ones forces a person to pray, however, when a prayer is said in a large group, all the members of whom do not belong to the same religion, the implication is made that one is expected to say that prayer, in that fashion. One may, as Mr. Conway points out, substitute the name of a different deity. The point he is missing here, and it is a HUGE point, is that two people of different religions are going to pray in different ways, i.e. their kinds of prayer can be quite different. In some cases, I'm sure the switch can be easily made, but I'm also absolutely certain that it often cannot. Also, let's not forget about the atheists, those who simply chose not to practice a religion, or those whose religion has no deity or deities; they definitely will not be switching names. But what this situation ultimately comes down to is that everyone has the choice to believe as he/she wishes and that choice is a diverse one. Respect those beliefs and choices; if any kind of prayer must be had at a public event, have silent meditation.

Sincerely,
Marcie Kimball

Greeks are faultless

OR ARE THEY?

I would like to respond to the "Trashy Students" article. I found it rude and tasteless. I am a Junior at Northwestern and am very active in Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, our water gun exchange with the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Order is a tradition that has been going on for many years. I took part in the exchange, and personally don't recall seeing any water balloons in the near vicinity of any ARAMARK workers and if there were, then I apologize. However, I'm sure these workers were not forced to walk around in the blazing sun for miles picking up small shreds of water balloon remains. I also think it is wrong for the "anonymous" writer to deem our exchange as immature, it is unfair to judge things that you are ignorant to. It is obvious that this "anonymous " writer has not attended the speakers that our university has hosted. If they had they would not have been so quick to criticize and judge our organizations (oh, that's right I forgot, 90% of the attendance was and usually is, made up of Greeks). I, like every other student on this campus pay to attend this university and to use all of the facilities available, as Greeks, our organizations have the right to hold on campus exchanges. I'm sure that the members of KA, A O Pi and Pi Kappa Phi would agree with me when I say that if we as Greeks, would have thought we were destroying or defacing Northwestern's campus in any way then we would have made immediate efforts to clean up our mess. In addition, I am not embarrassed by this University. I have visited many other campuses around the state and think our campus is a lot better than most of the others I've seen. However, I can see that this "anonymous" writer is very distraught over the looks of our campus. So here's an idea, why don't you form a clean up crew and take care of all of your own complaints. I'm sure you could get lots of Greek support and participation, I would love to help. Although I'm not too concerned with small remnants of month old water balloons or fading traces of silly string but I do agree that every place on campus could use some improvement. In closing my letter to the editor I would also like to comment on the "endless harassment" remark (please note that harassment only has one "r" not two). I recall the incident that happened a few years ago and all I can say is that if I was continuously bashing and bad mouthing a reputable, distinguished and highly respected organization on this campus I would expect to get harassed too.

I would love to hear any comments pertaining to my letter, email me at jmorgan41@hotmail.com

M. Jill Morgan

'Scootergirl' may soon get clipped

I am writing in response to Scootergirl's article in last Tuesday's paper.

I am not writing to dispute her rights of where she can and cannot travel, but rather ask her to be more cautious.

I was driving from the Health and PE lot to the parking lot across from Keyser when I, too, had a close call with Scooter.

I was paying attention to my driving, I was not speeding, and I have my eyes checked regularly, so I can see very, very well. Scooter was driving parallel to the sidewalk, in the street, towards me. While the sidewalks may be crowded and may not be in the best condition, it is far better than taking the chance of being run over. It is true that people walk back and forth across the street, but they do not walk head-on into heavy traffic around a corner during the morning rush (at least when they do, and someone does say smething about it to them, they don't write the paper).

As close to the sidewalk as she thought she was, she was still in the street, and very much in harms way of less wary early morning drivers. No, Scooter, I'm not talking like I am your mother, or your brother, or as anyone who remotely cares about your personal safety. I am writing to help someone else avoid a lawsuit they could not win if by chance they accidentally clipped you on the way to class.

From one competent adult to another, don't write the paper whining about people, who, in their own way, are looking out for you. And if that faculty member was rude to you, DEAL WITH IT. In my opinion, she should have said something the first time she almost hit you, and the second, and in the future, if it happens again. Don't expect any sympathy from the readers. Your sob story doesn't count when you're the person in the wrong.

OF COURSE, THAT'S MY OPINION, I COULD BE WRONG.

Tena E. Paththro

Marginalia

The staff of The Current Sauce has decided that Tony the Lonely's column will be indefinitely suspended from the paper. We would like to thank the students who took time to **respectfully** respond to *The Current Sauce*. It is our practice to give the students what they want and curtail what they do not want.

As editor, I would like to apologize to those readers who were offended. I do not make it policy to offend our readers as last week's article did.

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

I think the best way to solve the issue Heather Patton has raised is to put someone, who normally drives or walks around campus, in a wheelchair and let them spend their day as Heather Patton and so many others do.

After a day in the wheelchair, we will see just how right or wrong Heather is for taking the routes she does.

My first choice is Ms. Paththro, since she has so adamantly expressed her views towards Heather. I encourage her to take up the challenge.

The Current Sauce will pay for the rental of a wheelchair as well as provide someone to go to class with you and note your opinion throughout the day.

In other words, we are willing to put our time and money where your mouth is!

Of course if you are unwilling to take the challenge I will gladly do it in the interest of all students.

We are eagerly awaiting your reply!

As far as the voting booths issue, I feel only three areas of that debate merit addressing.

First and foremost, I was not given anything! There is a process to become both Student Government President and editor of *The Current Sauce*. Besides balancing the responsibilities of both positions daily, I also throw in 15 hours of classes and **most importantly a marriage**. I have gladly taken on both positions knowing the consequences of doing so. I do not regret that nor do I seek your pity, but I do insist that everyone recognizes that I have been given nothing. Also, I want to thank my wife for being so understanding, supportive and unselfish.

Next, we have the issue of low voter turnout. In Toni's article she asked if we (the SGA) wanted to build consistensy upon low voter turnout rates. I encourage Toni to check her facts in the future because this fall's election had the second highest voter turnout in the six years I have been here. This fall, 973 students came out to vote. The highest turnout was last fall when approximately 1147 students came out to vote.

YES, I do want to build consistency on these numbers because this a percentage which rivals that of state elections. Wait until the election on Oct. 23 and you will see that 20 percent is not a bad turnout.

While I also would like to see 70 and 80 percent turnout, it is not realistic. Voting is a choice.

Finally, I want to show the absurdity of the constant whining about voting at Iberville. The fact is a valid petition was never completed, so all of the complaints about what I might have done are irrelevant. Why was a valid petition not completed because maybe ten percent of the University's Natchitoches campus live in Sabine Hall and Rapides Hall.

The **vast majority** of students attending school here are commuters. Besides that many of the people who live in Sabine Hall and Rapides Hall or eat in Iberville are freshmen or sophomores who attend classes in Kyser Hall. Kyser Hall and the Student Union are just 30 yards apart. How much more can you ask for?

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SPORTS

Photo by Heath Crawford

Senior linebacker Damion Brown takes his praise after slamming TSU quarterback Brock Nutter in the ground. Two other Demons acquired sacks in Satruday's game: Kurt Rodriguez and Roy Locks, all three with two sacks each.

Demons lose in last quarter

Purple Swarm lays hands on Nutter six times

CADE BRUMLEY
SAUCE REPORTER

The Northwestern State Demons came up short Saturday night in a "mud bowl" contest 24-21 against the Troy State Trojans at Scrushy Field in Troy Ala.

The weather conditions for the night were less than desirable, with a continuous downpour of torrential rains.

Coming into the game, Northwestern trailed Troy State 8-3 in a 33-year old contest with each team winning 14-13 to spoil the others' homecoming celebrations the past two seasons.

TSU	24
NSU	21

Northwestern state dropped to 2-4 overall and 1-1 in conference .

The Trojans from Troy brought into the contest an impressive 4-0 record and kept it.

After three Demon plays, Northwestern managed to have three turnovers. On the opening kickoff, Demon Tony Taylor fumbled the ball over to the Trojans.

After a purple swarm defensive hold, NSU starting quarterback Brad Spangler was picked off by Trojan defensive back Antonio Thompson.

Then, after another defensive stop, a pitch play from Spangler to Taylor was muffed, resulting in a fumble.

The Spangler fumble gave Troy State excellent field position and led to a Wayne Thomas two-yard touchdown run for the Trojans with six minutes remaining in the first quarter.

The Trojans put three points on the board via a Lawrence Tynes 22-yard field goal with just over a minute left in the quarter.

To begin the second quarter, the Demons put together an outstanding show of offense. Going 80 yards through six plays in under three minutes, the NSU drive was completed by a Travis Fleming 34-yard touchdown reception from Spangler.

Spangler, who threw three interceptions, completed 11 passes out of 22 attempts on the night totaling 135-yards which included the 34-yard long to Fleming.

Next, Troy State quarterback Brock Nutter completed a 66-yard pass to wide receiver Mareno Philyaw for a TSU touchdown. Nutter, who totaled 350 yards against Middle Tennessee State, a I-A school, managed only 222 yards on 11 completions and 24 attempts.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Brown takes another shot at Nutter, forcing a turnover.

NSU answered right back in the form of a 20-yard Taylor touchdown run. A two-point conversion attempt was good, when Spangler completed a pass to senior wide receiver Chris Pritchett.

Taylor, who came into the game averaging over 125 yards per game, compiled only 48 yards on the night off, 18 carries running 2.7 yards a rush.

Northwestern's Mike Green blocked and recovered a TSU punt in the end zone with 4:32 left to give the Demons a 21-17 halftime lead.

The Demon defense was able to accomplish something against the Trojans that other teams hadn't, by sacking Nutter six times. Kurt Rodriguez, Damion Brown, and Roy Locks got the hands on Nutter with two sacks each.

As the rain continued to pour, the TSU offense was able to put the game away with a drive for 54 yard ending on a one-yard touchdown carry by Trojan Phillip Jones.

NSU was able to get the ball back with 10:13 remaining in the game. They marched up the field, with quick passes to wide receiver Nathan Black, who had 62 yards for the game.

A costly holding penalty from which the Demons could not recover brought them back 10 yards with around six minutes left.

Northwestern came into Saturday's game off an impressive outing against conference opponent Nicholls State last week at Turpin Stadium.

The Demons have an off week before traveling to Lake Charles for their third conference match-up as they take on the McNeese State Cowboys.

Last season, the Demons knocked off the Cowboys 14-10 in a nationally televised game in Turpin Stadium.

Goodwin will be looking for his 101st career win to pass Harry Turpin for the winningest coach in Northwestern history.

Cross Country fairs well at home

JAY LYLES
SAUCE REPORTER

The cross-country teams at Northwestern have been extremely busy over the last two weeks.

On Oct. 4, the Demons finally ran at home. At the meet, they faced off with many teams from throughout the Southland Conference.

The Demons faired well, as the men and women took third and fourth in their respective races.

Hector Andujo, who finished ninth individually and ran a time of 27:25.75, led the Demons. Fellow demon Danon O'Kelly finished 15th with a time of 28:55.85. Other Demons placed as follows: Robert McCormack (17th, 29:11.06), Todd Boddie (19th, 29:30.23) and Chris Baker (21st, 29:46.88). Other demons who competed were Kyle Thomas and Blake Hines. Mark Keough, one of the star runners, was out with injuries.

The women were led for the third straight week by Chante' Daily who finished 11th with a time of 20:16.16. Crystal Munsinger and Jody Weierholt finished close behind with times of 20:20.80 and 20:35.92, respectively. This was good enough for 12th and 14th places. Emily Norton and Liza Mulholland rounded out the Demon scoring with 24th and 27th placings, as they recorded times of 21:47.68 and 22:35.68.

Andujo said that he hoped the Demons would continue to get better during the following week and compete well at the Texas A&M Invitational.

At the Invitational, the Demons struggled to hang on as they competed against the nine Southland teams that traveled to College Station.

The men appeared somewhat tired after their trip to Texas.

Andujo brought in the best score for the Demons with a time of 28:21. Boddie trailed in second for the team, finishing with a time of 29:17. Other Demons followed. Keough ran a time of 29:36. O'Kelly was next with a 29:43. Baker and Thomas finished at just over thirty minutes with 30:09 and 31:12 times.

"I know it did not look good, but we are staying in shape and will do better when we come home for conference," said Baker of the trip to Texas. The women did about the same with their top six finishers.

Weierholt, Norton, Daily and Munsinger all finished close together with times of 20:02, 20:28, 20:32 and 20:54 respectively. Wingard and Mulholland finished out the placings with times of 21:31 and 21:50.

Coach Sylvia Salinas said of the meet, "Hopefully we will have better meets, as we are very capable of competing for the conference title."

The mens' and womens' teams will compete for conference titles on Nov. 1 in Natchitoches.

Demons settle for draw with McNeese State in double overtime

Both teams' only score came during the second half, Swingler gets 11 saves

KALEB BREAUX
SAUCE REPORTER

The Northwestern State Demons experienced a stalemate as they tied the McNeese State Cowgirls 1-1 Thursday afternoon.

Many weeks have passed since the Demons played a 90-minute soccer match, and things did not get any better on Tuesday.

Neither team had a very good first half as neither the Demons nor the Cowgirls managed to produce a goal. However, the athletes showed lots of physical frustrations, with both teams throwing flagrant body blows.

"We've played much better and lost," Demon head coach Jeremy Mitchell said. "We were lucky to get to overtime, but we played aggresive from that point on."

McNeese scored first in the second half with 8:00 minutes of play. The goal was scored on a header by McNeese's Haleigh Lyons who received it from Brenna Abbitt.

The Demons found themselves down by a goal until late in the second.

Near the close of the second half, NSU's Holly Horn scored on a goal assisted by Tori Carlino.

The match stayed knotted at one and found itself in overtime.

The Demons had great attacks and shots on the goal late in overtime. Neither team could manufacture a goal with the game still bound at 1-1.

The double overtime was a mirror image of the first. Both teams had many shots on goal in the overtime . Despite two NSU corner kicks, neither team was able to score, and the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

The Demons had 19 shots on goal, and goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler had 11 saves.

This puts the Demons at 0-4-2 in Southland Conference play and 4-7-2 overall.

The draw was a major accomplishment for the Lady Demons. The last four conference games ended in a sudden death overtime goal scored by the opposing the teams.

"We have to start finishing people off," Mitchell said.

Northwestern State will be at home this week as they take on the University of Louisiana-Monroe. First kick is set for 3 p.m.

Volleyball split two this week

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The Demon Volleyball team picked up its second conference win of the year against Nicholls State but dropped a hard-fought match against McNeese State.

The Demons volleyball wil be in action when they take on SLU tomorrow.

Soccer gets first SLC win against Nicholls; drops one to McNeese

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Janet Callahan breaks for the goal as the Demons take a 1-1 draw against McNeese. Northwestern won their first game against Nihcolls 2-0, but lost to the Cowboys 2-0 later.

RONDRAY HILL
SAUCE REPORTER

The Demon soccer team rounded out the weekend with a win against Nicholls and a loss against McNeese.

The Demon's record now stands at 5-8-2 overall and 1-5-2 in conference play.

Nicholls State came into the game with as 1-11 record overall and had been outscored 40-6 this season. It didn't come as a surprise that the Demons had no problem beating the Lady Colonels 2-0.

The Demons got 17 shots on goal compared to Nicholls' nine and scored once in each half. Tori Carlino had five shots on goal, with one of those shots coming off a deflection and finding the back of the net with about 10 minutes left in the first half.

Janet Callahan had only one shot on goal, but that one shot was the only goal scored in the second half. Callahan wasted no time in scoring, needing only 1:08 in the second half to score.

Goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler blocked all of Nicholls' nine shots on goal to record her third shutout of the season. Sunday's result, however, was not as good for the Demons, as McNeese goalkeeper Giavanna DelFatti had 9 saves in the 2-0 shutout Sunday.

The Cowgirls remain unbeaten in conference play with a 4-0-2 record.

The only two goals in the game came from the feet of Nicci DelFatti, whose goal came 13 minutes into the game after a free kick. Tammy Copeland also scored for McNeese in the 17th minute of the 2nd half.

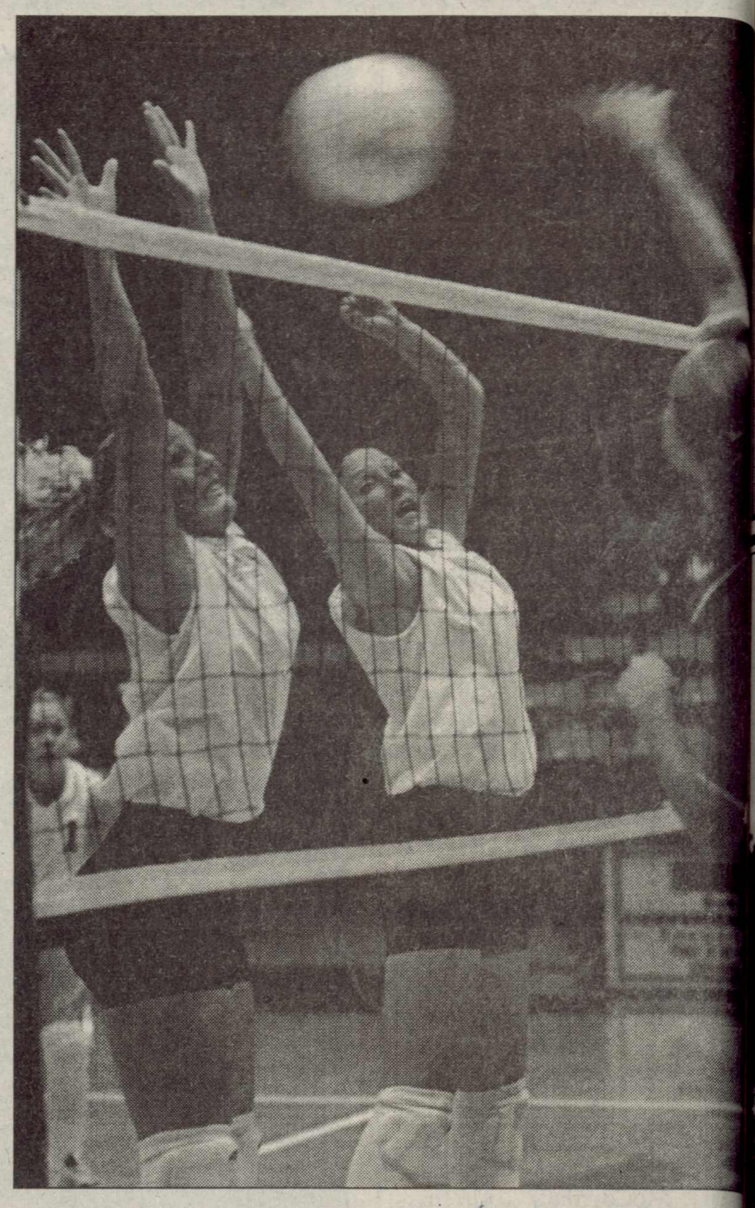
The two goals were the only sore spot for Swingler, who turned away 11 McNeese shots. Northwestern was also outshot in the game 20-16.

The Demons did not get a corner kick in the contest while McNeese got only one.

Tori Carlino once again led the Demons in shots with five. Kerri Kahanek and Brittany Cargil followed with three shots each.

The Demons will get a well-deserved rest as they don't play again until next Friday. They will host UL-Monroe on Friday and S.W. Texas on Sunday. The Demons lost an overtime game last week against UL-Monroe at Monroe.

Sunday , the Demons will host a Youth Clinic day for area soccer players before the Southwest Texas game.



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Senior setter Missy Krause and freshman Lauren Thorman attempt to block a shot. The Demons now have won more conference games than last year and will continue to strive for greatness.

Salinas: Texas coach leads Northwestern women's tean

JAY LYLES
SAUCE REPORTER

When the average student thinks of track coaches at NSU, without a doubt the name Johnson must come to mind. Another name, however, has made its way into NSU's track coaching repertoire. That name is Salinas.

Silvia Salinas comes to Northwestern from Texas where she spent the previous five years at large high schools. She coached for two years at Dallas Skyline High School, which was known for its sprinters, and three years at Lockhart High School, where the distance program is dominant. During her tenure at these schools, she coached several regional and state qualifying athletes.

She obtained her bachelor's degree at Southwest Texas where she was a heptathlete.

For those who do not know the dynamics of the heptathlete, this means she competed in the long jump, high jump, javeline, shot put, 100 hurdles, 200 and 800.

During her freshman and sophomore years, her team won the conference titles of 1990 and 1991.

After these successes, the Johnson coaches contacted Salinas about a job available at NSU.

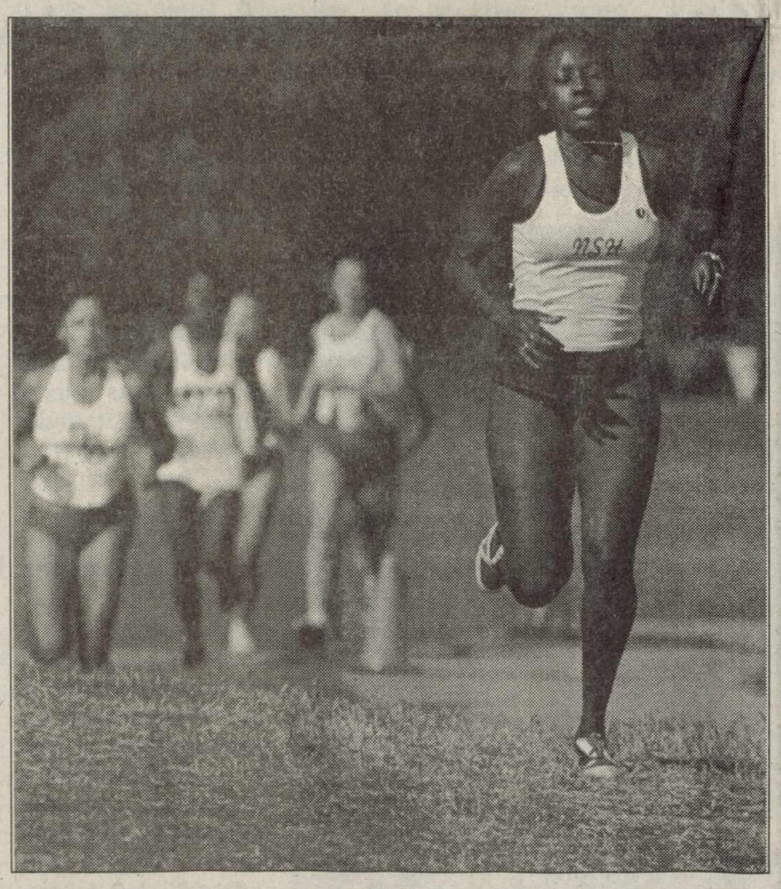
"Coming here gave me an opportunity to coach Division I and finish my master's degree in sports administration," said Salinas of why she accepted the offer.

Coach Salinas may sound like a driven work-a-holic, but she is not all work and no play. She loves to run and work out and attend sporting events with her friends. Her favorite fall activity is to attend football games.

The cross-country program for the women has changed a great deal under Salinas' leadership. She led the women to a third place finish last year and is helping them toward a better finish this year.

She is looking forward to the future as well.

"When I get finished w my master's," she said, "I hop continue coaching and teach while developing a bet distance program at NSU."



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Chante' Daily sets the paces for the women's race at the Recreation Complex. The women finished fourth at home.

Photo by Heath Crawford

Sophomore Hector Andujo attempts to lap a Stephen F. Austin racer. The men did well, placing third.

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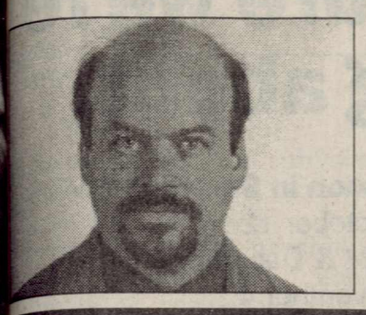

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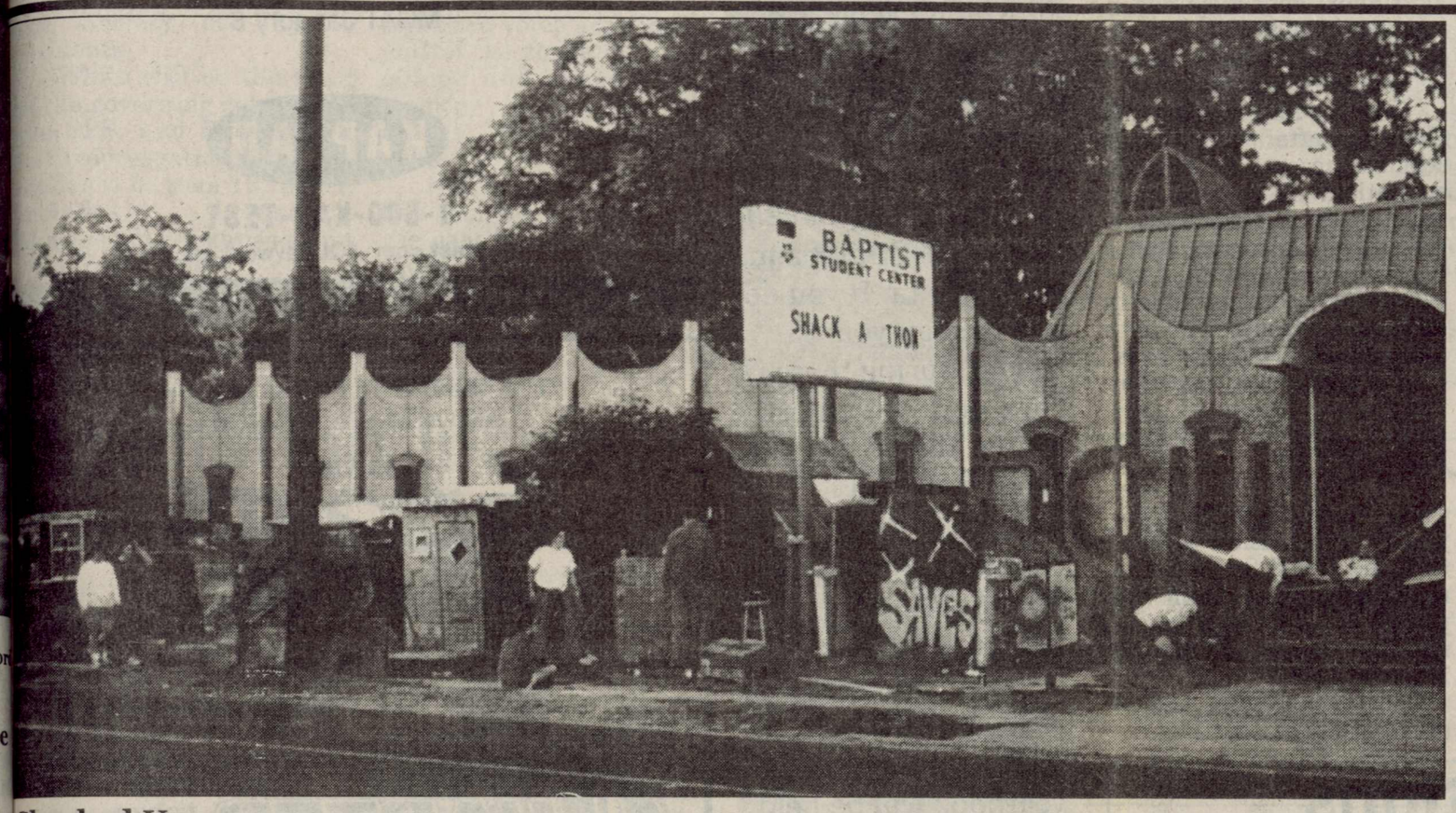

Shacked Up
Members of the Baptist Student Ministry sponsored a Shack-A-Thon last week at the Baptist Student Center on College Avenue. Members aquired pledges from local businesses for staying the night in the makeshift homes. Proceeds went to charity.

Six University programs declared areas of excellence

Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

At the beginning of the Fall 1999 semester, five programs were designated as areas of excellence at the University.

Educational Technology in the College of Education, Computer Information Systems (CIS) in the College of Business, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) in the College of Liberal Arts, the Nurse Practitioner Program in the College of Nursing and the Scholars'College. In addition to these five areas, the Industrial Technology Program has been designated as an "emerging" field of excellence.

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>
> Thomas Burns
> Vice President, Academic Affairs

The process of choosing these areas was a collaborative one which involved the deans of each college, President Randall Webb and Vice President of Academic Affairs Thomas Burns.

The process began with the deans of each college. Each dean made a proposal to Webb and Burns as to what areas they thought should be designated as an area of excellence.

"The deans of each college chose the one program that had the greatest potential," said Burns. "We chose these six programs because we felt these areas had the strongest programs."

What constitutes a strong program? There are a number of criteria to review the past performances of each program: the overall success of each program, the success these areas had in attracting grants and other external funds, the student success in each program and the human resources that were presently found in these areas.

"We were looking for outstanding characteristics and I believe we found some in each of the areas chosen," said Burns.

Each program chosen as an area of excellence benefits the program immensely.

"It's a status-type designation which means these programs will be considered for funding to emphasize that they are areas of excellence," said Burns.

By having six areas of excellence, programs within colleges are emphasized, bringing credibility to each college as well as the University as a whole. It also shows diversity which will bring benefits to NSU.

"Because of the broad spectrum of the six areas chosen, it says that Northwestern has strong programs in all of its colleges,"said Burns.

Schroeder chosen as Distinguished Lecturer

Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

For the first time in almost two years, the Distinguished Lecturer Series is back.

Patricia Scott Schroeder will speak Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association of American Publishers, she will speak on the changes in the book industry and address the future of book publishing.

Schroeder

"It's an odd topic, but printing was invented really 550 years ago by Guttenberg and now we're on the verge of possibly a new way of books being delivered," Tommy Whitehead, chairman of the lecture series said. "Books as we know it may disappear within the next 20 to 30 years. We're going to see books all electronically delivered."

Students should be interested in this topic because one day even our textbooks will be on the Internet or on CD-Rom, Whitehead said.

Schroeder is a former congresswoman who left Congress in 1996 after serving in the House of Representatives for 24 years. In 1997, she was a professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. She is currently leading New Century/ New Solutions, an out-of-the-box think tank, for the Institiute for Civil Society in Newton, Mass.

She is orginally from Portland, Ore. and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1961. She then went to Harvard Law School where she was one of only 15 women in a class of more than 500 men.

After receiving her law degree in 1964, she moved with her husband to Denver, Colo. Her husband encouraged her to challenge an incumbent Republican for the first Congressional District seat in 1972.

She went on to serve 12 terms in the House of Representatives. She was the Dean of Congressional Women, co-chaired the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues for over 10 years, served on the House Judiciary Committee, the Post Office and Civil Service Committee and became the first woman to serve on the House Armed Services Committee.

One of her biggest achivements was seeing the Family and Medical Leave Act and the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act to its success in 1993.

She was a leader in military issues, education issues, and a strong advocate for protecting intellectual property rights. She is also the author of two books: *"Champion of the Great American Family"* (1989)and *"24 Years of Housework . . . and the Place is Still a Mess"* (1998).

The Distinguished Lecture Series is designed to bring new ideas to Northwestern's campus and stimulate the ideas to students and the community.

The lecture is open to the general public.

"By opening up our lecture series to the community, Northwestern is really doing what an institution should do," Whitehead said. "We should be disseminating knowledge, no only among our students, but among the citizens of the community."

Northwestern acquired Scroeder through an agent for $15,000 through the Student Association fees. This pays for her travel, transportation, lodging etc.

Classes will be dismissed during the 9a.m. period Nov. 1 in order for students to attend her lecture. The lecture is free to students and the public.

Student's controversial editorial stirs emotions at University

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

In the Oct. 5 issue of *The Current Sauce*, NSU student Heather Patton submitted an editorial responding to an incident that occurred between her and a University faculty member.

Patton said Jeanette Aaron, secretary of the Louisiana Scholars' College, scolded her for riding through the faculty lot between the back of the Student Union Building and the Family and Consumer Sciences Building.

"I was treated like a child," said Patton.

Aaron declined to speak about the incident.

Patton said Aaron admitted to reporting her twice and threatened to do so for a third time if she did not refrain from using the lot as a short cut.

Patton said that she has used the parking lot as a short cut to Kyser Hall for the past three and a half years because of the poor condition of the available sidewalks.

"It's easier for me and the maintenance of my scooter to go through that parking lot," Patton said.

Facilities Coordinator of the Physical Plant Waddy Norman said, "She has as much right as any other student to use that parking lot."

Patton said that pedestrians and bicyclists go through the lot on a regular basis.

"I walk through that lot all the time," said sophomore Dawn Boudreaux. "No one has ever told me anything about it."

"I make due with the circumstances," said Patton.

> ***"This is not a disability issue. It's about why she [Aaron] told me I can't go somewhere on my campus."***
>
> Heather Patton, Senior

"When there is a sidewalk that doesn't have a ramp, I go around."

Steven Hicks, coordinator of American Disabilities Act, said he has voiced his concern for Patton's safety on several occasions. Hicks said that he did it in a diplomatic way that was respectful of her choice. Hicks said that the manner Patton was confronted by Aaron may not have been best way. However, Hicks said that Patton's reaction was more personal than it should have been.

"All of us are concerned about safety of students," said Hicks.

Sergeant David Dale of the University Police said there is no law or policy that prohibits Patton or anyone else from using the faculty lot as a short cut.

An article written by Tena Panthro in the Oct. 12 issue of *The Current Sauce* suggested that Patton was in the wrong. Panthro wrote that she was not remotely concerned about the safety of Patton but about a potential lawsuit that could stem from someone hitting her.

Panthro did not dispute Patton's right to go where she wanted but did write that Patton should be more cautious while exercising her right. Panthro wrote that Patton's use of the street from Sabine's parking lot to the P.E. Majors lot was hazardous to Patton and others.

Hicks said that had Panthro known that the sidewalk running parallel to the street ended in an abrupt curb, she may not have responded as she did.

"It wasn't Heather's choice to take that route," said Hicks.

Sergeant Dale said that someone could be ticketed for obstruction of traffic for riding in the street, but on campus pedestrians have the right of way.

Norman said that he too has warned Patton to be careful when taking alternate routes, but he also said that other students should be more considerate. Norman said that most people have no idea of the hardships disabled students face while trying to get around campus in a scooter or wheelchair.

Patton has worked with Norman and other members of University staff to make areas of campus more accessible to disabled students.

Norman said that work has already begun to correct the sidewalk near the P.E. Majors' lot, and other areas will soon follow.

"This is not a disability issue," said Patton. "It's about why she (Aaron) told me I can't go somewhere on my campus."

News Briefs

Irene Likely To Cause N.C. Floods

The nearly one foot of rain dropped by Hurricane Irene is all but guaranteed to bring another round of flooding to North Carolina later this week, demoralizing people still reeling from Hurricane Floyd a month ago.

"You get lifted up and the next thing you know, something else happens," said Karen Mabry, who was flooded out of her mobile home by Floyd and was kept out by Irene on Monday. She has been staying in an apartment supplied by the Red Cross but has had trouble sleeping.

"I keep waking up and looking out the window to make sure nothing else is happening," she said. ``It's just terrible. It's horrible."

Barely hurricane strength, Irene soaked North Carolina's soggy coastal plain Sunday with up to 11 inches of rain before veering out into the Atlantic without ever coming ashore. At 5 p.m. EDT, Irene was 200 miles south-southeast of Cape Sable, Nova Scotia, moving northeast at 48 mph.

Irene was blamed for one death in North Carolina, a motorist whose vehicle skidded into a tree. At least eight other people died as a result of the storm, five of them in Florida.

Accords, Camrys Big With Thieves

Honda Accords and Toyota Camrys remained the most popular vehicles among thieves last year, but high-end light trucks gained ground as popular targets for pilfering, the National Insurance Crime Bureau said in its latest list Monday.

Accords and Camrys were followed by the Chevrolet C/K pickup truck, Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee sport utility vehicles, Honda Civic, Oldsmobile Cutlass, Ford F-series pickup, Ford Mustang, Dodge Caravan and Toyota Corolla.

The Chevrolet C/K jumped four spots in the list to third, Cherokee/Grand Cherokees five places to fourth, and Ford F-series pickups three notches to seventh in rankings mirroring the shifts in taste on America's highways.

"Vehicle thieves follow market trends and target the most popular vehicles because they provide the best market for stolen vehicle parts," the bureau's Ed Sparkman said in a statement.

The list is based on more than 400,000 stolen vehicle reports submitted to the nonprofit bureau by its member insurance companies nationwide. The figure represents roughly one-third of all vehicles reported stolen last year.

Clinton, GOP Leaders To Meet

Amid rising tension marked by President Clinton's veto of a $12.7 billion foreign aid bill he said smacks of ``a new American isolationism," the president and Republican congressional leaders agreed

Monday to hold budget talks at the White House.

The meeting was set for Tuesday after Republican leaders accepted Clinton's invitation. They said they would insist that no taxes are raised and that using Social Security's surpluses to pay for remaining spending bills is ruled out. House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said Republicans consider the surpluses issue ``the highest goal of our budget season."

"If it's to try and get congressional Republicans to join an irresponsible scheme to spend Social Security and raise taxes, I don't think the president will find us a receptive audience," Senate Majority Leader

Trent Lott, R-Miss., said of the meeting.

Reminder:

Midterm grades and makeup pictures

You can pick up your midterm grades starting Thursday and finishing Friday. Go to the second floor of the Student Union and present your student ID (driver's license is acceptable.) Pick up is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you do not pick up your grades during these time periods you will not be able to get them at all. All unclaimed grade sheets are discarded after 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Makeup idividual pictures for the yearbook will be held on Oct. 25 in the Student Union. Pictures will be taken from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. This is strictly for individual pictures. No organizations can take makeup pictures.

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Campus Connections

Blue Key: Meeting Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Cane River Room. Please contact Dr. Seymour's office if you cannot attend.

Spanish Club: Meetings at 3 p.m. every Friday in room 333 of Kyser Hall.

IRTS: Meeting Oct. 21 right after the news in Studio A.

Circle K: Circle K International is sponsoring a Homecoming Hunger Stomp Out. All organizations are encouraged to attend to see who can collect the most canned foods and nonperishable food items. For more information contact Jeri Brumfield @ 357 - 4236.

Phi Mu Fraternity: Hello, ladies. Don't forget to attend the Kappa Sigma exchange this week and don't forget that we have Chapter Development on Sunday. Thanks to all who have supported Phi Mu and CMN by buying our baskets and balloons. We appreciate your support.

Sigma Sigma Sigma: We'll take our composites on Wednesday, don't forget to sign up for a time. Also, the Facky Prom with Sigma Nu will be Thursday night.

Mu Episilon Delta: There will be a meeting on Monday October 25th at 6 p.m. in Room 107 of Bienvenue Hall. Don't forget to bring your goodies for the Halloween party!

Campus Crusade for Christ: Co-ed Bible study meets 6:30 - 7:30 on Thursday in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

Sociology and Criminal Justice Club: There is a meeting for Wed - Oct. 20th in room 309 of Kyser Hall at 4 p.m. The upcoming bake sale isOct. 25th and 26th.

Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E): Meeting time Thursday at 4:00. Members please attend.

Student Government Association: Attention all SGA senators there will be a workshop Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the SGA conference room of the Student Union.

Freshman Connection: Applications are now available for Freshman Connector and Junior Connector positions. Applications are available in the Office of New Student Programs in room 103 of the Student Union. Deadline for submitting an application is Friday, November 5, at noon.

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New speed "humps" send students down rocky roads

Heath Crawford
Contributing Writer

Students are using their brakes more than normal on campus thanks to the newly installed speed humps.

According to Physical Plant Director Loran Lindsey, the old style of speed humps used previously on campus were installed by building up asphalt and smoothing the edges down.

"They just piled asphalt up there and what they ended up doing in many cases there was nothing done to specs," Lindsey said. "The speed hump would end up coming up too high and we had the bottoms of cars dragging. Besides, they really didn't slow the traffic down."

What Lindsey chose to do was to install prefabricated speed humps. He says these new speed humps are made to specific dimensions.

"This time we bought some that were prefabricated to specifications," Lindsey said. "Even though the speed hump is smaller, I think it's probably more effective in slowing down traffic. That's all we were trying to do is slow down traffic in the middle of the campus."

Lindsey says the motivation behind the new style of speed humps is the students' safety. The new speed humps were placed mainly towards the center of campus due to the large population of students there.

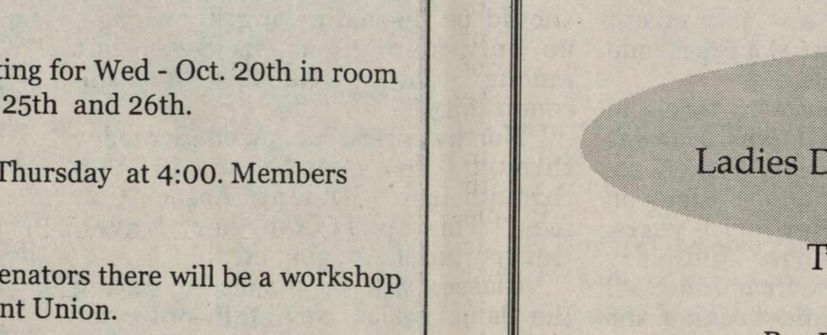


Photo by Heath Crawford
New speed bumps have many students worried about their vehicles.

"We have so much pedestrian traffic in the center of the campus," Lindsey said. "We don't need people running through there 35 to 40 miles an hour, which they won't do with these. You have to slow down with these."

Lindsey says that even though the speed limit through campus is 25 miles per hour, the main purpose for the speed humps is to slow the traffic down much lower than that for the sake of student safety.

"It's designed to slow you down very slow at the center of campus, coming by the intersection at the light and by the student union, " Lindsey said. "That's the biggest concentrated area of pedestrian traffic that we have on campus. You're always going to have to stop for the pedestrians in the crosswalk."

Lindsey says that even if the speed humps weren't there, you should still keep your speed down and stop for pedestrians.

"Unfortunately, it doesn't work without the speed humps," Lindsey said.

Some students ha different opinions about t new speed humps. Micha Barras feels that they a too rough on his vehicle a may cause damage automobiles.

"I know it's being ha on my car," Barras said. know a couple of people w have lost mufflers already. just think it's ridiculous have speed bumps of th caliber."

Lindsey adds that he unsure of the exact cost the speed humps becau they were included in th price for the roa construction. He also sa that he doesn't like drivin over the speed hump himself, but they ar effective in slowing down th traffic.

Professor, student selected to national committee

University physics professor to serve as regional head for 6,000 member group

Lacy Chism
Sauce Reporter

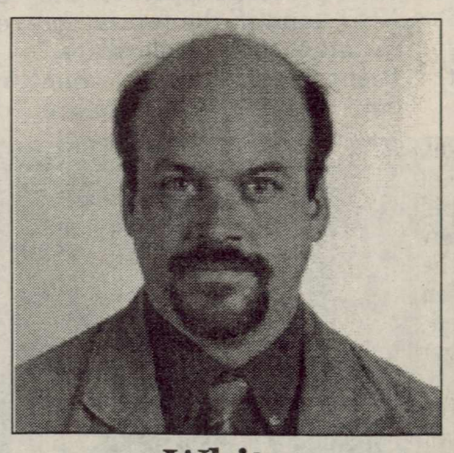
Gary White, a University physics professor, and his student Kristine Russell were recently elected president and associate zone counselor, respectively, for the Society of Physics Students.

White will be the head of the governing council for the SPS, and Russell will be a representative for the students in zone 10, which includes Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and west Tennessee.

SPS is the largest group of its kind in the nation. There are approximately 6,000 members combined in about 600 chapters of SPS. These chapters are combined into zones, which are headed by zone counselors and associate zone counselors.

To be elected to an office for the SPS, one must be nominated first, and then votes are placed within the zones for zone offices and around the country for national offices. Plain majority wins.

NSU's chapter of SPS has been very active over the past few years. Physics students here have won four national research awards in the past four years, totaling approximately $7,500 in



White

grant money. Also, two leadership scholarships out of 15 in the nation were awarded to University students.

The University's SPS chapter has attended national conferences around the country, including the National Centennial Meeting of the American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers. Russell and SPS member Marcie Kimball have also done science and math workshops and presentations to local students and inner-city students in New Orleans as part of their outreach program. These presentations were picked up by another member in New Orleans and she presented them to students in Germany.

"All of the students seemed to enjoy the presentations, and it was very gratifying to teach someone something," said Kristine Russell.

The local chapter of SPS is also planning a science Y2K presentation in March of 2000. "Sci2K" will include guest speakers and public lectures and workshops.

Dr. White received his doctorate from Texas A&M and has taught physics at the University for nine years. He was a zone counselor before receiving his position as president.

Russell, a senior from Morgan City, is majoring in Physics and Math and plans to go to graduate school in Math. Being elected associate zone counselor is her first national office for SPS.

"When people think of you as being a productive established department, then the administration, local community and businesspeople are more likely to help you," Dr. White said of being an active chapter of SPS.

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Population increase to harm world, say scholars at University

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

The world's population reached the six billion mark last Tuesday for the first time. The mark raises concerns about the world's resources.

"In my lifetime I have seen the world's population go from three to six billion, and it will double again in 30 years," said Roland Pippin, professor of sociology and certified sociological practitioner.

Third world countries contribute greatly to the population increase, said Pippin.

"The United States population growth is about zero," said Betsy Cochran, professor of ecology and director of the Louisiana Scholars' College.

Problems occur because the world's resources are not equally distributed, said Pippin.

"There is an imbalance in the share of goods and services in the world," Pippin said. "The United Sates has three percent of the world's population and consumes about 50 percent of the world's goods."

The United States supplies parts of the world with aid, said Cochran.

"Currently, U.S. agriculture supports large sectors of the world, because the land of some of these populations can't support themselves," Cochran said.

> ***" Eventually the land won't be able to support the people, and there will be famine!"***
>
> Betsy Cochran
> Director, Scholars' College

"The land may be too hot, too cold, or too dear to be used for agriculture." If resources run out, everyone will be affected, said Cochran. "Think of something that is using resources that you can't recycle, for instance, toilet paper," Cochran said.

"Eventually the land won't be able to support the people, and there will be famine."

In addition, Pippin notes the overcrowding of some areas of the world.

"It's hard for us to see a problem around here, because the population is so sparse," Pippin said. "Ninety percent of our [the U.S.] population lives on ten percent of the land area."

Rampant communicable diseases, famine, and war could result from lack of space and resources, said Pippin.

Pippin said that overcrowding would cause disease to spread rapidly. Overcrowding could also encourage nations to expand by attacking other nations.

"It [war] may be under the guise of religious ideology," Pippin said.

India, which conducted nuclear weapons testing last year, recently reached the one billion population mark, said Pippin. Already some countries attempt to curb the population increase through legislation. By law, families in China are limited to one child, Pippin said.

"Even that's hard to control, because China is a rural nation," Pippin said. "On the other side of this, European countries are experiencing dangerously low populations. Italy, for example, in 30 to 40 years most of its population will be 60-years-old or older."

Nursing program celebrates 50th anniversary

Karly Pierre
Contributing writer

The University celebrated the nursing department's 50th anniversary and plans to honor outstanding nursing alumni.

The nursing department held receptions this month in Shreveport, Alexandria, Baton Rouge and Natichoches to honor nursing graduates. These are or once were cities where a University nursing program existed. The nursing program began in Shreveport.

Maxine Johnson, coordinator of the 50th anniversary, said that this gathering showed appreciation to graduates for positively representing the nursing program.

"We have maintained excellence throughout our program's 50 year existence," Johnson said. "Our students have a 90's pass rate on board scores and 75% of the RNs [resident nurses] in Shreveport are Northwestern graduates. Many of our students also go on to be deans."

Johnson said the state recently acknowledged the University's nurse practitioner program as a program of excellence. Johnson added that the nursing program would continue to expand with its field.

"Changes in health care are occurring regularly and we are constantly evaluating our curriculum to make sure our students stay on top of those changes," Johnson said.

Norann Planchock, dean of Nursing, said that the University has a unique nursing program in the state.

"Northwestern's nursing program was the first state supported baccalaureate program," Planchock said. "Not many universities celebrate their 50th anniversary in such a way, but we are proud of the quality of our students and the support the University has always given to the nursing department."

President Randall Webb said the University has been a pioneer in collegiate degrees in nursing.

"Nursing has been central to the mission of Northwestern," Webb said. "Northwestern was established as a normal school and the next big thrust was nursing. There are well over 1000 students enrolled in nursing in Shreveport."

Webb said the nursing department has maintained that pioneer spirit by making interactive distance education available for students.

"Compressed video networking and the internet have been a few ways the nursing department has used technology to improve teaching techniques," Webb said. "A BSN completion program is also available via internet."

Webb said Mavis Pate will be the first nurse inducted into The Long Purple Line. According to documents, Pate was one of the first to earn a bachelor of science in nursing degree from the University in 1952.

She participated in Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) and served as a missionary in Southeast Asia and the Middle East until she was shot and killed in 1972.

The University offers a scholarship in her memory. Webb also said the board of supervisors may bestow an honorary doctorate on Ida Graham Price Strain, who served as the first dean of Nursing from 1949 to 1956.

Maxine Johnson said the nursing department will participate in the Tailgate party before the homecoming game and invited all nursing alumni to attend. For additional information about the nursing department call 357-6776.

If your are interested in Class Council come to a meeting Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at the SGA Office in the Student Union.

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For more information contact:
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Student Union: Room 305
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News

Alumni band performing during halftime of Homecoming game

Karly Pierre
Contributing Reporter

The recently revived University alumni band will perform for the Homecoming pre-game show.

Jeff Matthews, assistant director of bands, said about 60 band alumni will march on the field and play traditional songs such as the fight song and the almamater. He said graduates from the 60s to the 90s will constitute the band.

"A band is something like a fraternity and people always want to come back and renew that bond," Matthews said. "The alumni of this band helped build the band into what it is today."

Kristine Coreil, assistant professor of music, said that the band means a lot to alumni and the University.

"Alumni come back to the band because it is fun and they want to relive memories," Coreil said. "Our alumni will be coming from places in and outside of this state, like Los Angeles or Longview."

Coreil went on to say that many band alumni have gone on to be successful musicians and are a credit to the University.

William Brent, band director, said that the alumni band was also important for students presently in the band.

"I think the alumni band has the potential to develop into a strong presence that could provide support for the NSU band in the future, for instance with scholarships," Brent said. "I think when our students see alumni return that should tell present band members that they are a part of something special, a long tradition of excellence."

Jeremy Thomas, on the recently reestablished board of directors for the University band alumni, said that there hasn't been a strong band alumni base for about 17 years.

"When alumni is strong it usually indicates that the band is strong," Thomas said.

He said that he and other alumni have tried to restore the strength of the alumni band in the past few years by searching through records and compiling an alumni directory. Thomas said that five alumni were asked to be on the present board of directors for band alumni just to get the organization on its feet. He said in future elections would be held.

"The board of directors will meet before Homecoming and discuss the future growth of the alumni band, fundraising and organizational issues," Thomas said. "We hope in the future to be a work base for the NSU band."

File Photo
Members from the 1964 band will be in Natchitoches soon to join other former band members from the 60s to the 90s, to perform during the Homecoming game against Southwest Texas State.

Professors say new encephalitis strain unlikely to reach University

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

According to CNN news, a new strain of encephalitis has broken out in New York and claimed six lives and infected 43 people so far.

This virus has been related to Kunjin or West Nile virus from Africa. It is a mosquito-borne disease not any less serious than the virus in St. Louis. Doctors don't know if the virus came via an imported infected bird, via a plane with infected cargo or a person or if it's been in the area for some time.

Until this summer, the West Nile-like virus had never been seen in the Western Hemisphere. A pathologist at the Bronx Zoo started to notice a lot of birds dying. The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, was trying to determine what this mysterious outbreak was and found that it was the West Nile-like virus. It was originally diagnosed as the St. Louis virus.

The people infected with this virus could have gotten it from a mosquito which carried it onto others it bit. To help keep the virus from spreading via mosquito, New York has been sprayed as much as possible, pamphlets were given out about the virus and how to protect yourself, and health care officials have been handing out insect repellant.

It was first thought that the virus was brought from a defector in Iraq named Mikhail Ramadan who was said to look like Saddam Hussein in order to foil assassination attempts.

But the CIA does not feel that bioterrorism is a likely possibility, even though there was a possible threat of Hussein releasing the virus. The West Nile virus is harmless to most people. Those most susceptible to get the virus are the elderly, those with a weak immune system and people with other medical problems such as diabetes, heart disease or those on dialysis.

Symptoms are similar to those of the St. Louis strain but are generally milder and include fever, headaches and muscle aches. According to CNN, it's estimated that "only one in 300 people who are bitten by a mosquito who carries this virus will actually get sick," said Dr. Beth Levine of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York. In rare cases, the virus, which inflames the brain, can cause neurological disorders and death.

Scientists fear that the ticks and mosquitoes, which hibernate for winter, could return in the spring and spread the virus. Ticks are being checked as well, since they have been found to be infected with West Nile in other countries. The virus is not passed from person to person. A mosquito will bite an infected bird and then bite a person, infecting them with the disease.

Professor Dickson Despommier of Columbia University School of Public Health told CNN that the odds are good that the West Nile virus will travel to the southern U.S. via the migratory bird route and into the mosquitoes of those local populations. So far, tests of dead birds from Maryland to Florida have shown negative for virus signs.

Professor of microbiology Jerry Allen said, "It's not likely we'll see an outbreak from those birds. If it becomes a well-established virus, then future migrations of birds could cause a problem. Because they've had a limited number of cases, you probably won't see infected birds migrating down here."

"This is a different virus from what they've normally seen. If more birds are infected, it could be a problem in years to come. I don't think they would pose an immediate problem. Normally, it goes from animal to bird. When you get a heavily infected bird population in close contact with humans with a lot of mosquitoes it could be a problem. But it's not likely that there's going to be a lot of birds with the virus at this time," said Allen.

Sidewalks to be repaired in compliance with ADA regulations

Mary A. Freeman
Contributing Writer

Three areas of campus are targeted for work on the sidewalks in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The work will include the sidewalks at the Health and Human Performance building, the Teachers Education Center, and the Family and Consumer Science building, said John Winston, vice president of University Affairs.

"The work is being done for two reasons," said Winston. "First, the sidewalks needed repairing, and second because of the ADA. When these areas are completed, a person with a handicap will be able to go from the TEC building to Russell Hall."

The repairs include making curb cuts so that the sidewalks are more accessible, Winston said. The last total made on July 9 for the cost of the repairs for the sidewalks was $305,000.

"I am very happy to know that this a high priority," said Steve Hicks, coordinator of Disability Services. "They've made significant steps to comply with the ADA. The work around campus has really been remarkable in the last few months, specifically in the campus cluster area."

The Americans with Disabilities Act states, "No qualified individual with a disability shall be discriminated against or excluded from participation in or the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity."

Late patrons recognized during memorial

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor in chief

What was intended to be an evening of songs became a memorial service for University students and faculty who have died in the past two to three years.

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity held the first-ever campus memorial service in the Student Union Ballroom last week to honor all those who have passed away.

Bruce Smith, president of Phi Beta Sigma, said the event was originally intended to be an evening of songs.

When fraternity members started discussing the event, however, they realized there were several students and faculty members who had died without much recognition from the University.

"It was very, very successful," Smith said.

A room full of people attended the memorial service, but Smith said he was somewhat disappointed in the turn-out.

In particular, he is disappointed more Greeks and faculty members didn't participate, especially since the service honored a sorority member and faculty member who recently passed away.

Phi Beta Sigma members presented white carnations to family members or representatives of those who have died. Pearl Payne received flowers in honor of her husband, Lutrill, who died recently.

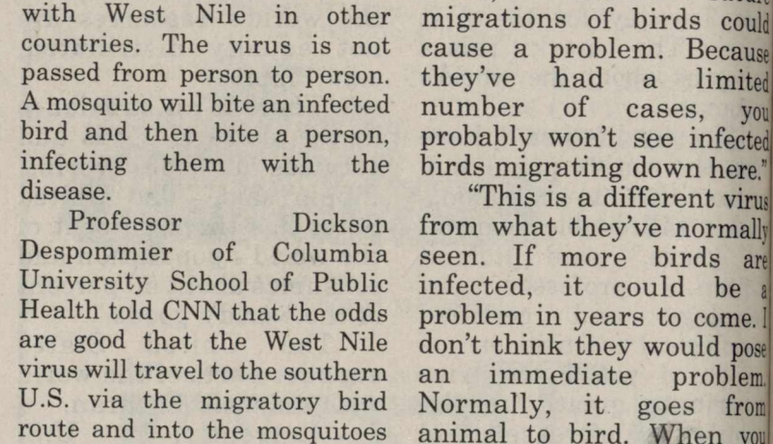

photo by Shawn T. Hornsby
Pearl Payne receives flowers from Norman Tanner and the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma during a memorial service in honor of her husband, Lutrill.

Payne said her husband was a faithful member of the fraternity for more than 65 years.

"I thought it was just wonderful," she said. "I was very impressed with the program. I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

University student Enrika Goins found the service to be meaningful.

"It was really nice," she said. "I liked the end when they gave her (Payne) all the carnations."

Senate Minutes

MINUTES for October 11, 1999

I. Prayer: Joni Naquin
Pledge: Nathan Collier

II. Roll Call
Present:
Paul Rome
Justin Courtney
JaJuan Allan
Earl Gates
Joey Higgenbothem
Andrew Davies
Kevin Brough
Angelique Duhon
Bess Vincent
Brit Ulmer
Casey Jo Crowder
Excused:
Chas Vandersypen
Shawn Hornsby
David Gunn
Heath Crawford
Jamie Hughes
Matthew Comeaux
Joni Naquin
Leanna Anderson
Nathan Collier
Niko Tesvich
Rusty Broussard
Sametria Samuels
Sharon Tohline
Shymika Stephenson
Vanessa Byrd

III. Minutes
Niko moves to approve the minutes as amended.
Jamie seconds the motion.
The motion passes.

IV. Officer Reports
The were none to be reported

V. Commitee Reports
Vanessa: there will be no scantron give-away
Earl: Committee meets Tuesday at 5:00
Joni: schedule cards
Nathan: meeting at 3:30
Jaime: Cofee House reminder at 8:00
Football game week after homecoming
Tuesday at 4:30
Niko: Traffic and Appeals- appealed a lot. Don't park on the grass.
Rusty: SGA radio, website finished next week

VI. Old Business
Joni moves to approve Tim Long for the Suprme Court
Niko seconds
Rusty moves to table until he appears
David seconds 14-0-1
Motion passes
David moves to approve power lifting budget
Nathan seconds
Motion passes

VII. Announcements

Internal Affairs Meeting
External Affairs
Phi Mu is having a basket sale at 8:00 Yearbook pictures
SGA Tuesday 7:15 breakfast with the President cancelled
Scholar's college to be put on the next agenda.
Paul nominates Chas as Homecoming Honey.
He Accepts. Andrew nominates Earl, he declines.
Angelique nominates Nathan.
He accepts Nathan 9 Chas 1
The letter to the editor about greeks and the Tony the Lonely column in *The Current Sauce* were discussed. Earl encourages everyone to discuss the issue with Shawn directly

X Earl adjourns.

MY SIDE

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T; find out what it means to me."

Aretha Franklin said it best, didn't she?

The word "respect" holds a variety of meanings to different people.

My parents instilled their meaning of respect in me, which remains the definition I abide by today.

Respect, according to the Robertson family, is something earned, not freely given.

My parents never bought into the, "Respect your elders" belief. Instead, they urged my brother and I to treat everyone in accordance to the way we are treated; kind of a take-off of the "treat others as you would be treated" idea.

However, I also hold the belief that most professors, college or other, are automatically deserving of some type of respect, simply because of the lengths they have traveled to become college professors. But realistically, this principle falls through every now and then and makes me reevaluate my beliefs.

When I encounter those few professors who fit this particular category, I become apprehensive about my own future. As someone who intends to become a college professor, I am somewhat fearful of the behavior of those who eventually will become my peers.

I have found in my college career that, as in many fields, there are those few select professors who tend to abuse their power or flaunt it.

Do they deserve respect?

Unfortunately, most students derive their opinions of professors from these select few.

Students also are more likely to listen to and follow a professor's advice.

Therefore, this forces me to believe that professors could be and usually are extremely impacting on students' lives- sometimes for the good and sometimes for the bad.

Thankfully, for most of my college years, my opinions of professors have been shaped by great individuals. After having a run-in with one of the most decorated professors on campus, I understand not everyone is as lucky as I have been with professors.

This particular professor has been noted for his abrasive, inconsiderate opinion on several occasions. Among his department, students fear having one of his classes because of his poor attitude towards students.

Again, do professors such as this deserve the respect of students?

How unfortunate that this professor has a daily influence on students' lives.

More importantly, how unfortunate that the University sees fit to continuously award this professor for academic excellence and allows him to teach classes to those who are most vulnerable, freshmen.

Note: To all those who approached me civilly about rescheduling their organizations' picture, thank you. Your kindness was appreciated. To all others, I hope this column has spoken volumes to you.

Meet Sebastian Reed

a.k.a. Josh Green

Cut

Before

Blue bleach for highlights

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

Natchitoches, and the South for that matter, is filled with those who adore, and sometimes idolize, Garth Brooks.

The utter horror they must have felt when they laid eyes on "Chris Gaines" is unimaginative.

According to several music magazines, Brooks is now receiving a starkly different treatment in the world of music.

Does appearance really make that much difference?

For a man who has received several platinum awards, this treatment must be hellish.

When *The Current Sauce* adviser, Tommy Whitehead, first caught wind of the Brooks to Gaines issue, he advised me to consider doing a similar transformation to one of *The Sauce* reporters and spend the day with him, gathering reactions.

What a difference a bottle of bleach and a little eyeshadow makes.

The editors chose Josh Green, a clean-cut gentlemanly young man, whose smile constantly greets those in the journalism department.

Apprehensive, and perhaps a little fearful, Green agreed to take on the job and put his life into the hands of Guys and Gals hairdresser, Shonda.

Rinse, style and wait...

Shonda spent over 30 minutes primping Green. She began by cutting off several inches of Green's hair and then applied a golden highlight to the top section of his hair.

Fear had set firmly into place by this time, as Josh proceeded to the next stage- makeup.

For the next twenty minutes, Green underwent further transformation under the hand of Ericca Reynolds.

Reynolds applied a layer of light powder to Green's already pale face and completed the new look with black eyeshadow and light brown lip liner.

Photography editor Heath Crawford supplied Green's wardrobe for the day, a purple/blue stretch shirt.

After he received his new look, Green set out to greet those who would come to judge him.

Upon entering the journalism lab in Kyser, Green heard several students exclaim their disbelief at the sight of this changed man.

"What happened to you?" one asked.

Another student continuously shot glances to Green with raised eyebrows.

"What's the matter?" Green asked her.

"Well, you look so different," she answered.

Different than what, we wondered.

Another student, a friend of Green's, inquired into Green's night life rituals.

Several notable responses came from the faculty, who were accustomed to the clean-cut image Green was famous for among his peers.

After hearing several other responses, such as "What have you been doing?" and "Is that permanent?", Green called it a day.

AFTER

JOSH GREEN
SAUCE REPORTER

In a class that I recently have taken, I learned that it takes a while for many people to change their perception on a certain subject. In Laymen's terms, certain ideas are "drilled" into our heads at a very young age. The way we look at and judge other people has been gradually installed in us since we were children. People are brought up differently, and different perceptions are formed: whether it be opinions on alcohol and drugs or the way one dresses.

At college, all of these "different worlds" that we have been raised in combine.

I was brought up in a country atmosphere. Catching more fish than others on a fishing trip was our biggest problem. Though I've never been exposed to it, I understand that others have been subjected to "the real world."

Their problems have been surreal.

The very few troubles that my family was going through couldn't even compare with others who were facing drug addiction, an unwanted pregnancy or any other tragic event.

In some way or another, these tribulations that we go through with our family and friends turn us into who we are.

I've been taught to dress nicely, keep a smile on my face, and always try to be a gentlemen.

The environment that I grew up in has always been a place where these positive opportunities can occur. It's hard to comprehend that others didn't have these positive opportunities, though.

They might have grown up feeling alone and unwanted in the world. Sometimes those feelings of insecurity and regret seep through and show externally.

Most humans look at the external being of others and, if the standards of that person aren't up to the par of the onlooker, declare that a freak or an outcast is in their presence.

One might say, "Oh, he's just a druggie," or "She's just weird!"

In order to understand this concept more and show that it's very apparent in our being to automatically judge people, we here at *The Current Sauce* set out on a mission.

Our editors got together and chose a sauce reporter, who happened to be me, to dress up as a "Chris Gaines" look-alike, and see how people reacted to this "darker look".

So, I stepped out of my khakis, dyed my hair, altered my face a bit, and prayed that my girlfriend wouldn't kill me.

The reactions I got from the people whom I didn't know, but would usually smile and speak, was unbelievable.

The glares directed toward me were staggering.

It's like when you see something that you try not to look at and pretend it's not there, but you just can't help yourself and have to look, even letting out a laugh occasionally.

I felt people's eyes reading me, asking themselves, "What's wrong with this dude?", a feeling that I wouldn't usually sense.

It was a certain prejudice; a feeling that others were now looking down on me.

In those few hours that I spent looking different, I felt compassion for those who do feel like outcasts. The coldness that people gave out was inconceivable.

What we should attempt to understand is that we actually do judge on appearance.

Our everyday prejudices come with ignorance. That certain ignorance is in place when we don't know anything about a certain person, but judge them anyway.

How intelligent or kind that person might be person is overshadowed by how unacceptable their appearance is.

We here at *The Sauce* know that just a couple hours of dressing up can't provide a complete sight of what people these prejudged people go through. This experience can be used as a tool, showing people most humans do prejudge others, and just realizing that can make us all better people.

The Current Sauce wishes to thank Shonda at Guys and Gals for giving Sebastian his new hairstyle.

SAY WHAT?

Students discuss problems with understanding teachers

JONI NAQUIN
SAUCE REPORTER

Everyone knows there are some teachers that are good, there are some teachers that are bad, and then there's teachers that you just can't understand.

Many students have found themselves in a class where the professor has difficulty speaking English.

Whether the trouble in communication comes from the teacher's accent or even a speech impediment, the process of learning becomes a difficult challenge for students in the classroom.

"In a semester last year, I had a math teacher whose speech was totally incomprehensible," senior Charlie Penrod said. "Several times at the beginning of class he would call my name for roll, and I could not even distinguish the sound of my own name."

"If there is a genuine problem in communication, it needs to be defined and addressed," Dr. Don Hatley, Dean of College of Liberal Arts, said. "If students are unable to understand what a teacher says, the situation needs to be resolved."

Hatley says that despite the fact there are some teachers that students do not understand, the administration does consider the students' position when hiring teachers.

The university is first required by law to advertise for jobs nationally and internationally.

The interview process begins after the University has reviewed the applicants academic record and verified it for accuracy. The applicant is brought to the campus for the interview with the department head and a committee of faculty and administration. The applicant also meets with all levels of administration and eventually must make a presentation, usually in front of students.

Hatley says there is not a way of testing an applicants speaking ability other than in the interviews.

"On the other hand, a lot of people in the system including students have the opportunity to say 'We don't think this person would work'," Hatley said. "We are all looking hard at that person to see if that person can fit into our academic standards."

Hatley recommends students report to the head of the department if a communication problem exists.

Students also have a few other ways of handling the situation.

"If I can't understand a teacher, I sit in the front of the class and ask as many questions as possible," junior, Sara Griffith said. "I also ask them to repeat everything, even if they get annoyed with me, and if worse comes to worse, I drop the class."

"I know that the teachers are equally dedicated, educated, and qualified as other instructors, it's just that they can't express what they are thinking in the same way," sophomore Amanda Duncan said.

"I felt sorry for my teacher because he tried so hard, but his accent still presented a huge barrier to communication," Penrod said. "I really believe that the University needs to make sure the teachers speak clearly because it's not fair to the students who need the class but can't perform well because we can't understand the teacher."

Hatley urges to students to address and repair the problem as soon as it arises by reporting it to the department head, in order to make the situation more bearable.

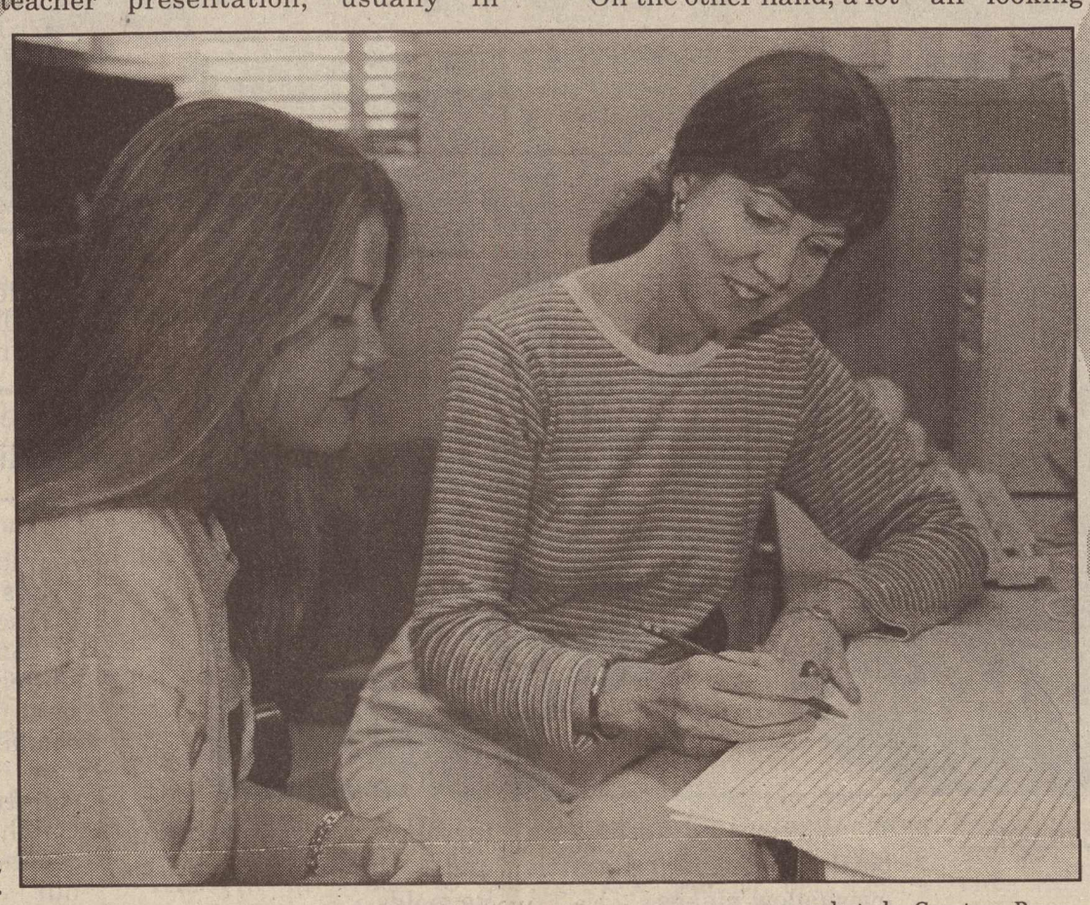

photo by Courtney Payne
Julie Kand assists Jessica Gilmore with one of her homework assignments. Several students are forced to go to other professors because of communication problems with their own professors.

Congratulations to our new members!

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Stefanie Alaniz
Laura Blakely
Holly Book
Nancy Bourne
Shannon Catalanoto
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Amy Davis
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Amy Thibodeaux
Kristin Thornberg
Christin Weeks
Allison Wilder

Sailing with the Best

Current Quotes

Where do you draw the line at body piercings?

"For girls it doesn't matter. The more holes the better."

Juice,

"When they have it in their lips."

Stephanie Johnson

"Straight through your nose. I have had extreme body piercings before, so nothing is too extreme."

Kurt Hanawalt

"Anything but my ears."

Tony Blanco

Letters to the editor

While reading, The Lady, Her Lover, and Her Lord by Bishop T.D. Jakes, I ran across a personal testimony that he shares with his readers in the last chapter of this book.

He talks about how the death of his mother-in-law tore his wife's entire life apart. All that was left were memories and flashbacks of a woman, whose gentleness was an adornment to all who knew her.

Jakes says, no matter how many songs he sang to his wife, no matter what he bought for her, and no week long get away could eradicate the trauma of this moment in her life.

He's always felt that a man was suppose to fix every problem in his wife's life, but he was left empty, afraid, and worthless. It was at that moment that he realized they both were in desperate need of the Lord. No oratorical skills could help.

No words of wisdom from anyone could alleviate the pain. They, especially his wife, needed their Father to become intimately and personally involved in this situation that plagued their marriage. What situation do you need God to become intimately involved in? Is it your finances? Your family situation? Your schoolwork? That broken heart that just won't mend?

Well there is good news, whatever the need is, Jesus is a need meeter and a mind regulator! Hebrews 11:6 proclaims, "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

I encourage you Northwestern to seek God for help. Go back to Him and allow Him to hide you in the secret place of the most High. In my own situations, I have come to find out that there is nothing that can fill a void in my life but the love of God.

That special place in you was put there so that He can dwell inside of you. Open your heart, let him in, and watch God work out the issues in your life for your benefit. Remember there is no burden to heavy, no problem to hopeless, no obstacle that Jesus can not see you through.

Remain faithful in the midst of all adversities, stand still, and having done all to stand, stand! Although it may not feel good to you now, in the end it will have worked out for your good!

Yes my friend, He knows what's best for you and I. Allow him to guide you throughout this school of live...you'll never go wrong.

Shawntell Lewis

My name is Kathryn Langley-Poe. I recently graduated from NSU and am now enrolled in a graduate program at NSU. I AM NOT SCOOTERGIRL. I do know her and can say along with other people that know her, SHE DRIVES RECKLESSLY.

Scootergirl has given people like others and myself in wheelchairs a bad name. I would like to clarify that not all people in wheelchairs are whiners like scootergirl. Thanks to her I and maybe others like myself are being look upon as rude, inconsiderate people and we are not. I am not out to get the world, because of what has been done to me. Also, I don't feel like the whole world owes me a favor and needs to be sympathetic towards me.

I consider myself to be somewhat polite and courteous to others. Occasionally, I have bumped into people; but I have excused myself. I know that it is hard to maneuver around this campus (I have been here for 6 years) but a little politeness and regular rule following and you will do just fine. For instance, staying on the side of the road when there is no way on or off the sidewalk that this campus provides.

I am very frustrated; several people have stopped me since the article. These people would ask if I was scootergirl and before I could reply they told me that I needed to learn to be considerate and stop whining. I am NOT scootergirl. Scootergirl has a three-wheel chair; it is blue and gray in color, which has stickers all over the back. My chair is a four-wheel chair; it is green and black in color. PLEASE DO NOT GET US CONFUSED.

I have several friends that have told me that I was not a rude individual and needed not to worry. These friends have been with me when I have been around campus and seen the obstacles that I have gone through. Although there is some problems, you make do by following all the rules (remembering you are not a CAR, you are a pedestrian). My friends and I would like to tell her to BE CAREFULL!

I am sorry if I offend anyone, but these things need to be said before anyone gets hurt.

Thank you, Kathryn (Katy)

To the person who turned in the letter directed at the Greeks this week:

YOU MUST TELL ME YOUR NAME! IT IS MY DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE RUN YOUR LETTER WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR NAME!

Please notice the box in the bottom right corner of the page.

IF YOU CAN DRAW, WE HAVE IDEAS- AND MONEY.

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Marginalia

Primary elections will be held Saturday for several statewide positions including governor, treasurer and commissioner of elections. In addition, several constitutional amendments and area elections will be on the ballot. You may think these positions mean nothing to you, but you're wrong. For example, Natchitoches and Winn parish voters will be asked to elect a state representative for House District 23. Candidates include incumbent Jimmy Long and Taylor Townsend, a Natchitoches attorney. Not to mention, the governor's, lieutenant governor, commisioner of elections etc. primaries.

I realize many of you are not registered to vote in this parish and may be far from your home town. In fact, you may not be registered to vote at all. However, if you are, please take the time to cast your ballot. Too many times, people complain about the government, yet they are unwilling to expend the time it takes to pull a lever and flip a switch.

Voter apathy in state elections is much worse than in national elections. How ironic is that?

Afterall, state authorities have a direct effect on our daily lives. They have a much greater effect on us than national authorities.

Unfortunately college students are not taken seriously because enough of them do not vote. In this case, the old addage is true, with age comes wisdom.

Have you noticed how politicians cater to the organizations that represent senior citizens? Well I am sure that we as college students can get that kind of attention if we show up to vote.

That concludes my public service announcement for the week.

On an even more local note... I would like to tell you all how pleased I was with the Phi Beta Sigma memorial held last Wednesday. Regardless of religious backgrounds, the evening was a true memorial to all who were remembered.

Although the original intent of the evening was an evening of spiritual songs, I think it turned into a great opportunity to add closure to some old wounds.

They honored the memories of faculty, staff and students who have died in the past two years. To the friends and families of those remembered Phi Beta Sigma presented carnations.

While the evening may have changed from a program of song to one of memory, there were several groups on hand to sing. The Inspirational Mass Choir sang several songs. For a group of students who volunteer their time, I thought they did a fantastic job.

In the last couple of weeks of what has been described as negative behavior on the part of many Greeks, it was nice to attend a program which provided a service to the entire University community.

This event is evident of the potential to serve each other, not only in the Greek system but in every organization. Thank you Phi Beta Sigma and all of the many people who performed.

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Fight Club is "one of year's best"

Larry Collins
Sauce Reporter

If you thought that "*The Sixth Sense*" was a movie that you had to watch again and again just to catch the secrets of the film, then you haven't seen anything yet.

"*Fight Club*", starring Edward Norton, Brad Pitt, and Helen Bonham Carter is one movie that ensures that theatre patrons will return to time and time again if they are able to stomach the graphic violence and gore that is large part of the film's charm and appeal.

"*Fight Club*" was made in the spirit of such great plot twisting films as "*The Usual Suspects*" and "*Wild Things.*" Magnificent dialogue and meaningful editing enhance the mind-binding and breathtaking plot twists. This film is a piece of cinematic gold that is truly one of the year's best.

"*Fight Club*" picks up where "*Sixth Sense*" left off in the form of thought provoking drama. What sets the film apart from its predecessors is the fact that it not only well written, but it is also intelligent. This intelligence is something that is missing in "*Wild Things*" and "*Sixth Sense.*" While entertaining, this film delves into the human psyche and what makes us all human.

It deals with man's most basic and animalistic emotions of rage and anger.

"*Fight Club*" challenges the viewer to step outside of himself and see exactly what humanity is. I have not seen a film do this so effectively since "*Natural Born Killers.*" This is best seen in the lines when Pitt's character, Tyler, says, "Self improvement is masturbation," implying that in our quest for perfection we are simply stroking our egos. "*Fight Club*" captures man's hunger for pain and anguish.

It offers that this pain and return to misery is what we strive for. It is what makes us stronger, it is our comfort zone and it is what fosters inspiration.

The film also shows a homoerotic side of male bonding.

Through most of the movie I thought that Pitt's character of Tyler Durden was Satan, but the actuality of it all was much more frightening and true.

Through Pitt's character of Tyler, Jim Uhl (the writer) tells us what we all think, but are afraid to vocalize. We soon find out that this is Tyler's "created" intention

This is definitely Pitt's best work since "*Seven Years in Tibet*" and should aid in earning him a second Oscar nomination. Though his performance is nowhere near his run in "*12 Monkeys*" (his first Oscar nomination) this should garner a nod.

This is probably Norton's most lackluster acting effort with the exception of "*Everyone Says I Love You.*" But what is lackluster for Norton is stellar for most performers.

He has two Oscar nominations to his credit, one of which ("*Primal Fear*") he should have won. (He fell to Cuba Gooding, Jr. for "*Jerry Maguire*").

Norton was strong in this film in a year of weak performances. Norton's chemistry with Pitt is the best that I have seen since he played opposite Woody Harrelson in "*The People vs. Larry Flynt.*"

I do question the casting of Helen Bonham Carter in the role of Marla. She seemed out of place in this edgy, disturbing film. She was phenomenal in "*Wings of the Dove,*" in which she received an Oscar nod, but this role seemed better suited for Juliette Lewis or Rose McGowen.

Musician Meatloaf is the jewel of the supporting cast. His sheepish ignorance coupled with his insatiable need for some form of acceptance makes his character the most endearing of the film.

The film is fantastic on so many planes, not just the Osca worthy cinematography and editing, but also its brilliant subtlety. The irony and use of soap in the film is stupendous. And the watchful viewer will catch glimpses of secret footage throughout the film, that makes little to no sense until the end of the film.

It is also interesting that filmmaker David Fincher chose to poke fun at the industry by throwing in little pieces of the actors' past projects into the film. Look for a picture of Norton's love interest Drew Barrymore (obvious), but I also noticed the words *"Seven Years in Tibet"* (a Pitt Film) and *"The People vs. Larry Flynt"* (a Norton film) in the movie, and I suspect that there are many more that I will pick up at a second viewing.

Because of hidden moments and secrets and the numerous plot twists and turns of the film, I and viewers like me will have to travel to the theater again to see this cinematic treasure that will surely become a cult classic.

File Photo
Brad Pitt and Edward Norton star in Fight Club, a film about man's hunger for paiin and anguish.

Arts department plans winter events

The Creative and Performing Arts Department has a packed calendar of events for the second half of the fall semester. Among them are the theatre program's presentation of *Steel Magnolias*, the Loft Theatre's production of *On the Open Road* and a Christmas Gala concert involving the entire Performing Arts Department. There will be several art exhibitions, with works of undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty members being shown. The Fall Wind Ensemble and Horn Choir will perform and the Jazz Ensemble will present "A Duke Ellington Tribute" on Nov. 15. Not to be left out, the Chamber and Concert Choirs, as well as Men's and Women's Choruses will give concerts in each month of the remaining semester.

Here is a complete list of events the Creative and Performing Arts Department will sponsor in the coming months.

October 25 Northwestern Chamber Choir
Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 1 NSU Concert Choir/Women's Chorus
Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 1-20 NSU Faculty/Student Art Exhibition, Summer Western Art Class,
Dr. Bill Bryant. Hanchey Art Gallery (Upstairs)

November 2 Northwestern Fall Wind Ensemble
Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 8 NSU Alumni Recital: Robert Calkins, horn.
Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 8-12 NSU Senior Art Exhibition: Oona Zbitkovskis- photography.
Closet Gallery

November 9-10 NSU Loft Theatre Production: *On the Open Road*
Theatre West, 7:30 p.m.

November 11 Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony
Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 11-17 NSU Theatre presents *Steel Magnolias*
Fine Arts Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. except for 3 p.m. on Nov. 13

November 15 NSU Jazz Ensemble presents "A Duke Ellington Tribute" with Dave Hardin, trumpet soloist. Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 15-19 NSU Graduate Art Exhibition: Heather Hanners, box sculptures.
Hanchey Gallery (Downstairs)

November 16 NSU Faculty Recital: Dennette McDermott, flute; Russell Hirshfield, piano. Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 17 Northwestern Horn Choir
Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

November 18 NSU Men's and Women's Choruses
Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 29- Dec. 3 NSU Student Art Exhibition: Patrick Hollier, painting.
Hanchey Art Gallery (Upstairs); NSU Graduate Art Exhibition: Gabriel Richmond, Ceramics/Sculpture (Downstairs); and NSU Senior Art Exhibition: Missy Pollard, pencil drawings and computer graphics (Closet Gallery).

November 30 Guest Recital/Masterclass: Phyllis Pancella, soprano.
Magale Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

December 3 NSU Creative and Performing Art Dept. presents "A Christmas Gala" concert. Fine Arts Auditorium, 7 p.m.

December 8 NSU Chamber Choir presents "Lessons and Carols" at Immaculate Conception Church in Natchitoches, 7:30 p.m.

December 12 "Lessons and Carols"
Trinity Episcopal Church in Natchitoches, 7:30 p.m.

Best Selling Fiction Books

Here are the top 10 fiction paperbacks on the *New York Times'* best-seller list for last week, according to the Barnes and Noble website, www.bn.com.

1. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
-J.K. Rowlings
2. *The Wildflowers*
-V.C. Andrews
3. *The Reef*
-Nora Roberts
4. *When the Wind Blows*
-James Patterson
5. *The Loop*
-Nicholas Evans
6. *The Countess*
-CatherineCoulter
7. *Rainbow Six*
-Tom Clancy
8. *Memoirs of a Geisha*
-Arthur Golden
9. *I Choose You! (Pokemon Chapter Book #1)*
-Tracey West
10. *Unspeakable*
-Sandra Brown

Send original stories or poems to A&E page

Okay, I know it's a little late but I recently got around to reading Argus, the literary magazine which came out last spring. Imagine my surprise when I learned that, contrary to popular belief, some people here at Northwestern obviously did come here to learn. I was so impressed with the original stories, poems and artwork that I sat there and read almost the whole magazine at one time.

I thought to myself how much I would like it if Argus was a weekly publication. Unfortunately, it is not. I wondered if there were another way that students could get a weekly dose of intellectually stimulating, creative thinking created by their peers and I came up with only one answer- the A & E page. (As if the Current Sauce weren't stimulating enough, right?)

Anyway, if I am going to provide you with this service, I will need help from all the creative types out there. You can e-mail me, Raechal Leone, any poems or short stories you have written and I will put them right here on the A&E page as space permits. My e-mail address is rcl_aquarius@yahoo.com, so get those creative juices flowing and send me some brilliant creations.

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Football faces McNeese

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Ever since the 1997 football season the McNeese State game has fueled a rivalry.

The rivalry continues as the Northwestern State Demons head down to meet the Cowboys for battle Saturday at Cowboy Stadium in conference footbal action.

In 1997, the Demons traveled to Lake Charles and lost 50-7 to the Cowboys, marking the worst lost in 18-year veteran coach Sam Goodwin's career.

The Cowboys will be remembering last year loss, when the Demons ousted McNeese 14-10 before a live televised audience on Fox Sports Southwest.

Both team come into Saturday's game with a record of 2-4 and 1-1 in the Southland Football League.

The Demons still have not won a road game this year, losing last week to Troy State 24-21 in a rainstorm.

McNeese comes off a three-game losing streak under the command of first year coach Kirby Bauchaus, beating Jacksonville State 39-36 in a come-from-behind overtime win.

Both rushing attacks have fallen prey to rushing defense with the Demons totaling 877 yards and 718 from the Cowboys.

Demon leading rusher Tony Taylor should match up well with Natchitoches native Jesse Burton.

Kickoff for Saturday's game is set for 7 p.m.

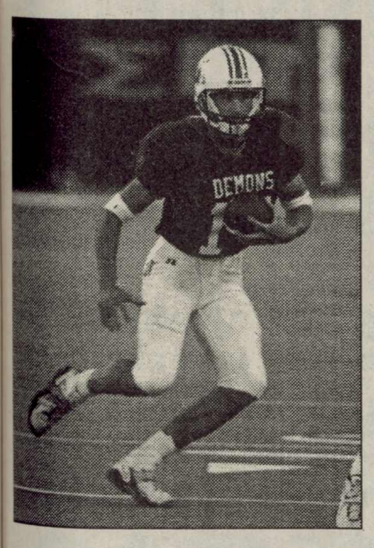

photo by Gary Hardamon

Nathan Black sits at 21st in I-AA Football in punt returns.

Retraction:

Over the past few weeks, three errors have been made on the Sports page. In the Sept. 28 edition, a soccer photo on page nine should have been labeled Janet Callahan instead of Brittany Cargill. In last week's paper a soccer photo on page 9 should have been labeled Brittany Cargill but was identified as Janet Callahan. Also In Kaleb Breaux story on page seven of last week paper, head soccer coach Jimmy Mitchell was misidentified. My apologies go out to the soccer team.

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

Volleyball continues downhill slide

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The Demon volleyball team's road struggles continued last weekend, dropping two more conference games to both UTSA and Southwest Texas.

The losses drop the Demons to 8-13 overall and 2-10 in Southland conference play.

The Demons also lost earlier last week against Southeast Louisiana in Prather Coliseum.

The Demons were 0-18 all time against the Southwest Texas Bobcats going into their nighttime match, and after all was said and done, the Demons still could not manage to crack into the win column.

The Demons fell to the Bobcats in three games 15-8,15-8, 15-5.

One of the better teams in the Southland conference, the Bobcats, who are now 9-2 and tied for second in conference play, got a stellar performance from Shenequa Bedford. Bedford led all players with 15 kills and 12 digs. For the Demons, it was freshman Christina Stone, who had eight kills and 14 digs. Following Stone was Sophomore Lisa Abner with eight kills and 11 digs.

The Demons also visited the other team tied for second in the conference race, the UTSA Roadrunners. While the result was a little better, it wasn't by much. The Demons won the third game 7-15 but lost the other three as the UTSA improved their record to 14-5 overall and 10-2 in conference.

The scores were 15-10, 15-13,7-15,15-8.

The highlight for the Demons this game came from junior April George. George posted a season high 22 kills while committing only three errors, both team season highs. George also posted a .559 attack percentage, which is also a team high for this season.

George currently ranks ninth in the Southland conference in attack percentage. At the moment, her percentage is .292.

Christina Stone also had a great game, chipping in with 15 kills and 18 digs. Lisa Abner, second on the team in kills, added 10 in this game along with 19 digs.

But UTSA proved to be too much, pouring it on with a triple-double performance from Roadrunner Natasha Biggers. Biggers had 10 kills along with 52 assists and 16 digs for the Roadrunners. Three other UTSA players had a double-digit amount of kills, including Tamara Luckemeyer with 18, Katy Rinsinger and Stacy Schmidt with 13.

After two tough road games, the Demons return to Prather Coliseum later tonight and step out of conference play to face the struggling UAPB Lady Lions.

Tipoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

UAPB, which plays in the SWAC conference, is 8-13 overall and 2-10 in conference. The Demons will return to conference play at home this Friday against Sam Houston and follow it up with another home match against UTA.

The Demons will look to avenge an earlier loss to UTA in Arlington. In that game, the Demons won their first game ever against at UTA team but lost the match 3-1. UTA's record at the moment is 11-10 overall and 8-4 in conference play.

Sam Houston will come into the game with a record of 9-10 overall and 5-7 in conference. The last time these two teams met, the Demons fell 3-1.

Kelly Knapschaefer: Dallas Superstar

Kaleb Breaux
Sauce Reporter

They call her "Dallas".

Kelly Knapschaefer, the senior forward and captain for the Northwestern State soccer team, does not take her tasks lightly, especially when it comes to soccer.

Knapschafer

A graduate of Trinity High School in Bedford, Tex., Kelly Knapschaefer is a pioneer of women's soccer at Northwestern State.

Knapschaefer has been a part of Northwestern State soccer since its inaugural season in 1996.

Knapschaefer has been with Northwestern through the highlights and low-lights of the Demons' soccer career. Knapschaefer was with the team in 1997 when they won their first and only Southland Conference Championship.

Knapschaefer has also seen three different coaches, which means three different styles of playing. She has overcome and adapted to all three.

"It has not been hard to adapt to new coaches," says Knapschaefer. "I like it because it has kept me on my toes, trying to impress the new guy."

This seems very true, because she has definitely has caught the eyes of Northwestern's latest coach Jimmy Mitchell.

"Kelly has a very high work ethic," comments Coach Mitchell. "Kelly is also very serious about everything she does. This is reflected in her academics, as well as on the field."

Mitchell continued, "She has gone through the hard times here. The growing pains have tested her character, but she has been very committed to the team through it all. She has done this by staying very positive."

From the time that Kelly Knapschaefer arrived here at Northwestern State, she has made a continuous impact on the soccer program. Even when things did not look so great for Northwestern soccer, Knapschaefer was there. In 1996 Kelly started and played in all 19 games and had a team high of nine points. In 1997 Knapschaefer started in 20 out of a possible 21 matches that season.

She was also named to the All-Southland Conference second team and helped the Lady Demons to their first and only Southland Conference title in 1997. Again in 1998 Kelly gave it all for the Lady Demons by starting in all 19 matches that season.

In 1999 it seems that Knapschaefer is experiencing some of the hard times in her final season at Northwestern State. The Lady Demons are currently 8-8-2 overall and are fighting for a spot to play at the conference tournament. However, Knapschaefer is not disappointed about the season, but she is upset that this will be her last season at Northwestern State.

"I was certain that we were going to get another conference championship ring at the end of the season," says Knapschaefer, but that dream seems almost impossible for the Lady Demons.

So now you're wondering where she got the name Dallas.

"In 1996 when we first got here, no one knew each other," explains Kelly Knapschaefer. "We did not know each other's names, but we knew where each other was from. Well, I am from the Dallas area, so that's why they call me Dallas."

Kelly Knapschaefer has showed her teammates many things by being the leader that she is. Most of all she has shown them how not to give up even when things seem to be really bad.

photo by Heath Crawford

Missy Payne makes a break downfield. She shared an assist with Brittany Cargill as the Northwestern State Demons beat ULM 2-1. The Demons need to win every game left in their schedule to qualify for the Southland Conference Championship.

Student can win 10 grand at Slam-Boree

Jay Lyles
Sauce Reporter

Thursday will be the night to head over to Prather Coliseum for the first annual Slam-boree.

From 6 to 8 p.m., NSU students will have the opportunity to meet the new NSU offense and head coach. The men's and women's teams will take to the gym floor to preview some of the upcoming basketball action that is just around the corner.

The women who will be defending their SLC title this season will be showing off the stuff that took them to the NIAI tournament last year.

The men, playing far better than anyone expected last year, will be showing off the new offense that the new head coach Mike McConathy has brought to the team. McConathy came to NSU last year after head coach J.D. Barnett resigned from the position. McConathy's offense will move much faster than Barnett's did.

As if meeting the Demon basketball players were not enough, there will be things for the students. There will be food and a chance for one lucky student to win $10,000.

As each student walks through the door, he or she will receive a ticket with a number on it. If that number is drawn from the pot, the student will have a chance to attempt 10 three pointers. If the student hits f5 of the ten shots, he or she will win $10,000. The NSU athletic department and NSU marketing and promotions will sponsor the contest.

Sauce reporter and SAB representative Rondray Hill has been working very hard on this project.

"We're sponsoring this event to increase interest in the Demon basketball program," said Hill. "Our Lady Demons are the returning Southland Conference Champions and the Demons have a brand new head coach, so it should be an exciting season, and we want people interested in it."

This season is shaping up to be great for the Demon and Lady Demon basketball teams, so come on over to Prather Coliseum Thursday and get a preseason look at what the Demons will be doing to the competition all season long.

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3rd place: $25

****Register for any or all of these contests in the Student Activities Office-Student Union Room 214.**
New Deadline:Thursday, October 21, 1999!!!

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

FALL 1999 Homecoming Week Activities

Monday 10/25

Blood Drive
In Front of the Union 10am - 3pm

Laser Tag
Tag You're It
In the Union 11am-3pm

Homecoming Hunnie & Lip Sync Contests
In the Student Union Ballroom 7-10pm

Tuesday 10/26

Blood Drive
In Front of the Union 10am - 3pm

Interactive Video
Hey now... You're a Rock Star!
Make your own music video!
In the Student Union 11am-3pm

Abbey Road Concert-
Come Shag with this 60s band, baby!!!
In the Alley (Student Union) 8pm-10pm

Wednesday 10/27

Blood Drive
In Front of the Union 10am - 3pm

Photo Buttons-
Picture it!!
Take home your own Homecoming Button!
In the Student Union 11am-3pm

IM Fun Run & BBQ
Free T-shirts and prizes! Free BBQ for everone!!
Sign up for the Fun Run at the IM Bldg.
Run starts @ 4:30- BBQ after!

Thursday 10/28

Blood Drive
In Front of the Union 10am - 3pm

Car Painting-
Show your Demon Pride!!!
In front of the Student Union 11am-3pm.

Drive In Movie-
BLAIR WITCH PROJECT
8pm at Turpin Stadium- Bring your blanket!!!

Friday 10/29

HOMECOMING PARADE
Starts at 5pm and goes to the River Front

PEP RALLY
Find out the Banner and Float Contest Winners!!! Cash prizes will be awarded! On the River Front (downtown) following the parade.

Demons Come Out at Night
Homecoming Bonfire!
Across from Sabine Hall below Greek Hill at 10pm.

Saturday 10/30

HOMECOMING GAME
Come Show Your Demon Spirit!!!
11am Turpin Stadium

NSU BLOCK PARTY!!!

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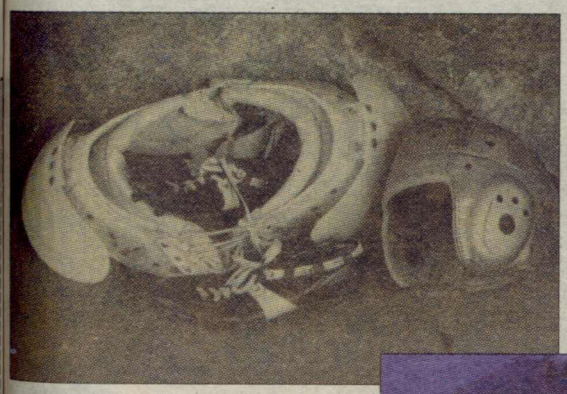
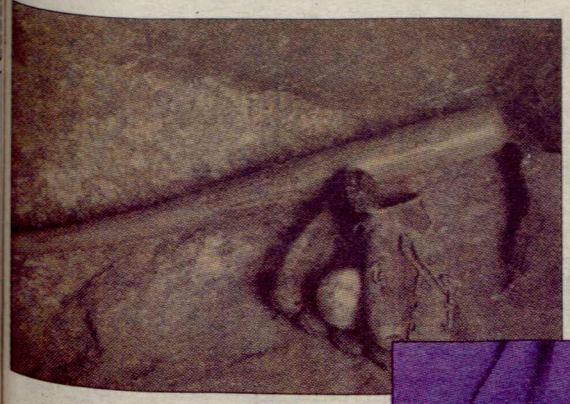
For questions regarding any of these events call the Student Activities Board at 357-6511. Come out and take advantage of the events held just for you!

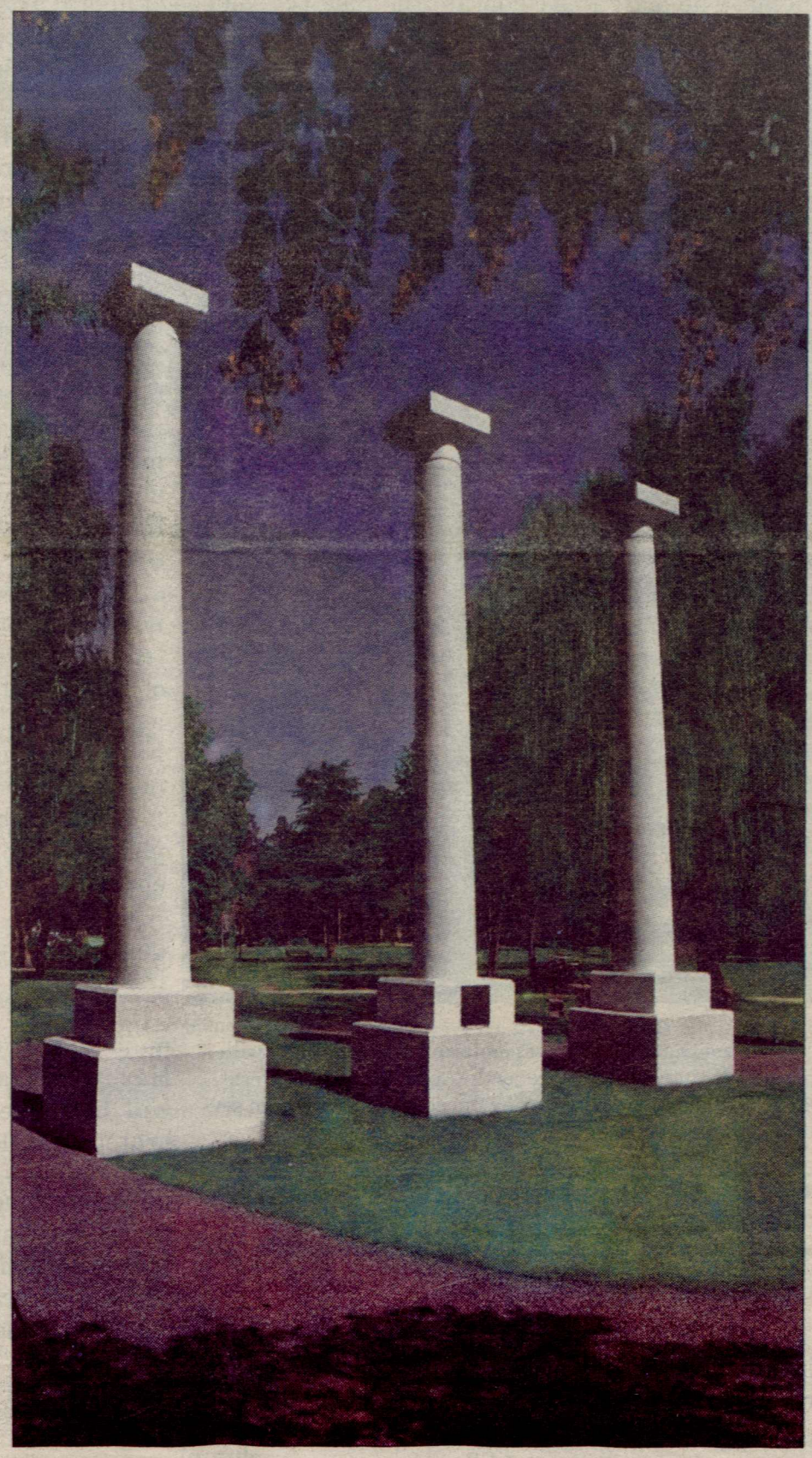
The Current Sauce

Millennium Series

Homecoming 1999







Millennium celebrated throughout University

Angela McCorkle

This year the University is celebrating the millennium in different ways.

"This institution has accomplished many milestones during this century," Randall Webb, president of the University, said.

The millennium celebrations tie the traditional activities with a millennium theme. The activities celebrate the history of NSU and Natchitoches, as well as, items that will concern students of NSU and residents of the city in the future.

"First of all, we started the idea for the millennium celebration maybe three years ago, when I appointed a committee from among the college of liberal arts to start thinking about the millennium celebration for the university as a whole," Don Hatley, dean of the college of liberal arts, said. "And gradually it developed into a university wide concept, with Dr. Webb's support. And a year and a half ago we had a meeting of people from the university and from the community to set the dates for the millennium celebration. And we set it beginning Oct. 1, 1999 and ending May 15, 2000."

The committee selected four different areas for the celebration. They are millennium of the individual, family, and community; millennium of the mind and imagination; millennium of the spirit; and millennium of the sciences.

The department of creative and performing arts began its millennium celebration with the Spirit of Northwestern performing a millennium halftime show on Oct. 2. Each era was represented by a musical selection.

The theatre program has planned four major activities to celebrate the millennium. "Cinderella" was staged as the celebration of millennium of mind and imagination.

In the future, three more major activities are planned. Bobby Harling's play "Steel Magnolias" will be staged Nov 11-17 to celebrate the millennium of the individual, family, and community. Hatley said, Steel Magnolias will be held in connection with or coordinated with the tenth anniversary of the filming of 'Steel Magnolias.'"

The annual Christmas Gala on Dec. 3 will celebrate the millennium of the spirit.

To celebrate the millennium of the sciences the theater department will stage "Galileo" on Feb. 28 through March 3.Other departments at NSU have gotten involved with the millennium celebration. The journalism department will have a millennium theme for its journalism day on Dec. 3.

There are more activities planned from now until May.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
The University's Millennium Celebration was continued with a special half-time performance by the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band, featuring musical selections from several decades and concluding with a fireworks show.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Guy Davis (left) and Shelley Colvin starred in the theatre program's October production of "Cinderella." The musical was presented as part of the University's millennium celebration.

From the editor

The approaching millennium has inspired people to reflect upon their history, rejoice in their traditions and rekindle old friendships. The University has done the same by instituting a Millennium twist on regular programs.

The staff of The Current Sauce felt that Homecoming is one of the moments throughout the year that deserves special recognition. Thus, the first special edition of the Millennium Series is dedicated to all of the programs and people who make this time of the year so special.

It is our hope that we can capture those events in a series for the community and alumni.

Thanks to the cooperation of Doug Ireland, director of sports information, and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame the cover featuring sports equipment was made possible.

Other Millennium Series will include the Christmas Festival edition and a Spring edition. All of the Millennium Series will distributed primarily to the community and alumni.

Advertisers are encouraged to call early to reserve space in the Millennium Series.

Thank you for your support.

Shawn T. Hornsby

Homecoming week full of events and excitement

Stephanie Danby

The Student Activities Board plans to take students on a journey "from normal to now" during this year's Homecoming Week.

Homecoming Week activities began on Oct. 25 with a blood drive in front of the Student Union. Eligible students were able to donate their plasma Monday through Thursday at the blood drive.

Laser Tag was held in the Student Union Ballroom from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Here, students could zap their friends one-on-one or team-against-team battles.

Homecoming Hunnie began at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

This was a pageant for guys nominated by different organizations on campus and was judged by the Homecoming Court. The winner, Will Hooper, received a prize of $50.

Immediately following the Homecoming Hunnie pageant was the Lip Sync Contest. This contest was open to any organization or student formed group, including resident halls. Seventy-five dollars was awarded to the first place winners Alpha Omicron Pi. Second place went to Sigma Sigma Sigma. And third place was a tie between Pi Kappa Phi and Kappa Alpha.

Monday also marked the beginning of the Banner Contest.

Photo by Shawn T. Hornsby

Members of Sigma Nu Fraternity perform in the Lip Sync Contest Monday, sponsored by the Student Activities Board. Winners in the contest were: Alpha Omicron Pi, first place; Sigma Sigma Sigma, second place and third place went to Pi Kappa Phi and Kappa Alpha. The Lip Sync Contest was just one of many events held for students during Homecoming Week 1999.

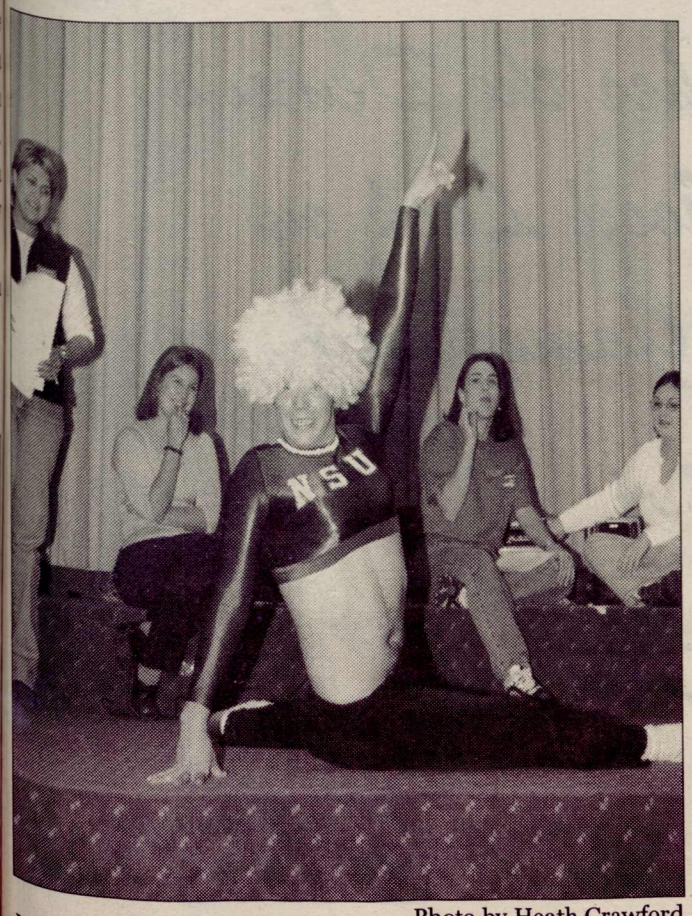


Photo by Heath Crawford

Homecoming Hunnie has become a highlight of the Homecoming Week events.

Banners were judged by selected individuals in the University as well as the community. Their judgment was based on four categories: religious, Greek, residence and other. A $50 prize was awarded to the first place winner of each category.

Tuesday, students made their own music videos and took a copy home to show their friends in the Interactive Video activity. This was held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby.

At 8 p.m., Abbey Road, a 60's cover band, performed in the Student Union Ballroom.

Wednesday's activities began with a photo-button photo shoot in the Student Union Lobby at 11 a.m. and ended with the IM Fun Run and Bar-B-Que.

The Fun Run was a 5k, 3.1 mile, marathon that began at 4:30 p.m. The first 150 people that entered the marathon received a free T-shirt and prizes were awarded to the winner of the race.

After the race, there was a Bar-B-Que and miniature pep rally in front of the IM Building for anyone who wanted to attend. Prizes donated by local businesses were raffled off during these IM activities.

Thursday, the Homecoming Court painted school spirit on student cars at 11 a.m. in front of the Student Union.

At 4 p.m, the Student Union Ballroom was transformed into a Halloween-type setting for the Greek Carnival.

Here, children dressed up in their Halloween costumes, paid a nickel for a ticket and won candy and prizes.

The drive-in movie began at 8 p.m. on the football field. Students brought a blanket, snacks and some earplugs because "The Blair Witch Project" was the feature presentation.

Friday's activities started at Prather Coliseum with the float contest at 4 p.m. The first place winner of this contest received $50 and $150 was awarded for the best overall float.

The Homecoming parade began at 5 p.m. in the Coliseum parking lot and ended with a pep rally on the riverbank.

A bonfire was blazing in the field at the bottom of Greek Hill at 10 p.m, bringing an end to the Homecoming Week activities.

Kick-off for the Homecoming game is at 11 Saturday morning.

University honoree remembered for missionary work

Ericca Reynolds

Mavis Pate made an impact on the world in the mid 1900's through her faith and talents as a nurse.

At the age of 3, she knew she wanted to be a nurse. Pate was one of the youngest women to enter nurses' training at the North Louisiana School of Nursing in Shreveport at the age of 16. She was also one of the first to earn a bachelor of science in nursing from the University in 1952.

Pate was inducted into the University's Long Purple Line Friday.

In 1960, Pate was one of 22 nurses chosen to participate in Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere). She served as the operating room supervisor for the SS Hope's maiden voyage to Southeast Asia. This was a ship that had been used during wartime and was converted to a hospital ship.

Pate worked at a hospital in Gaza for a year and a half and was riding in a vehicle with another missionary and his three daughters to get medical supplies when Arab guerrillas open fired on their vehicle.

"They thought they were firing on an Israeli army vehicle," said Genie Normand, Pate's stepsister. "They fired without knowing who they were firing on."

According to Normand, Pate always said should she be serving somewhere in another country when her time came to die and that she was to be buried there.

"As a Christian, I try to tell people that it's the spirit and the soul that's important, not the body, and to bring a body home without the soul and spirit would defy what I've been trying to teach," said Pate when confiding to Normand many years ago.

A close family friend, Phyllis Collins, watched the funeral on television.

"I remember the horror of it," said Collins. "It was a hard thing to accept but we and her family knew she died doing what she loved."

The funeral service was broadcast on national television.

A Christian had not been buried in Gaza in almost 400 years, so there was no Christian cemetery. The hospital where Pate worked agreed to set up a courtyard area in her memory on the grounds of the hospital.

A book "Clothed in White" has since been written about the life of Pate. Collins hopes the book gets the point across that "we're only here for a short while and we, as Christians, should do the things God tells us to do."

Pate was a much loved person. A scholarship was established at NSU by the doctors and nurses in Shreveport.

"I hope the nursing students of today have the same strong, Christian work ethic Mavis had," said Collins.

Both Normand and Collins are happy about Pate being inducted into the Long Purple Line.

"My church, we do a great deal in trying to raise funds for foreign missions," said Normand. "This could not be a better time."

Mavis Pate

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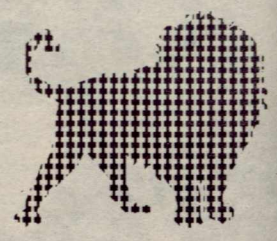

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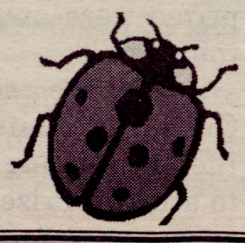

HOMECOMING

Blue Key celebrates 40 years of service and academics

Joni Naquin

Blue Key National Honor Fraternity celebrates their 40th anniversary tonight.

Blue Key will honor the chapter's first president, Eugene Scott who will be represented by his wife Shirley Scott. The reception will be in the Cane River room in the Friedman Student Union after the game.

Dean Dudley Fulton who served as dean of men at the time of the organizations inception will also be welcomed back to the University.

Blue Key was founded as a national honor fraternity in 1925 and is comprised of 125 chapters across the United States. This chapter was the 59th selected charter. Members must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, be an officer in one campus organization and a member of at least one other organization.

Blue Key is expecting the family of Dean Leonard Nichols to be in attendance. Nichols affectionately referred to as 'Dean Nick' chartered the first-ever alumni chapter of Blue Key prior to his retirement in 1970. He will be honored at the reception as well.

During these celebrations, Blue Key will also hand out Certificates of Initiation to their new members.

"This celebration is just continuing and honoring the traditions the first chapter started," Blue Key President Tim Long said. "It's a way to celebrate our past, our present and our future."

"We chose Homecoming to honor our alumni and anniversary because there's no better time to honor them than during Homecoming," Long said. "Most of the alumni will be attending the football game and this is another special event for them."

Long credited Cheryl Dowden, vice president of Blue Key member for listing and contacting many of the alumni members.

"She spent the summer looking up the address to all of our alumni," he said. "She has been a tremendous asset and bonus to Blue Key."

Blue Key 1972

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Congratulations

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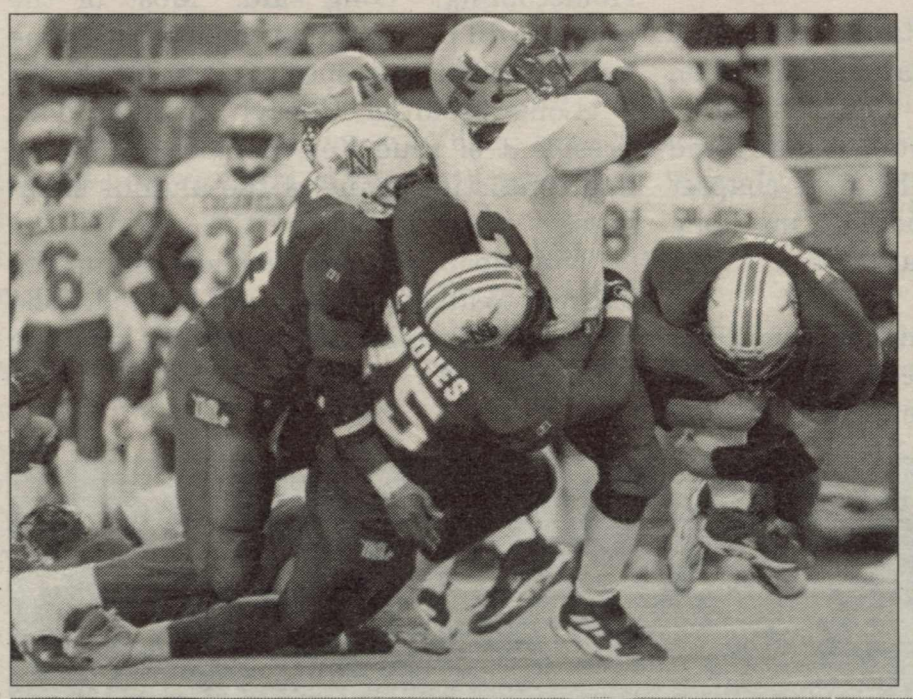
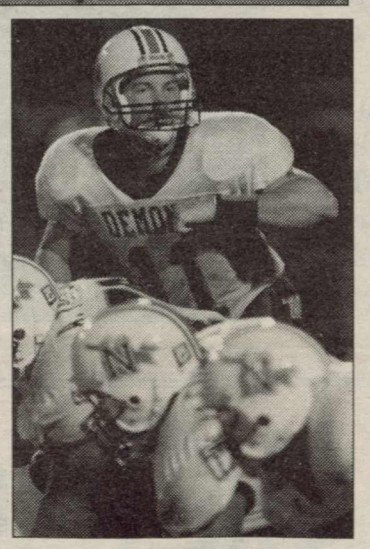
From the brothers of Sigma Nu and the largest Sigma Nu candidate class in the nation.

Demons set on homecoming





Kris Collinsworth

photo by Gary Hardamon

The Northwestern State Demons will be looking for the kill Saturday, since losing 20-17 to McNeese. This game will be a defense matchup, pitting the best two defenses in the Southland Football League.

The Northwestern State Demons will be looking for a lot Saturday.

On national television, The Northwestern State Demons will engage the Southwest Texas State Bobcats in conference football action.

Fans will be able to catch the game on Fox Sports Net in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The potential audience for Saturday's game is expected at 6.5 million.

Veteran head coach Sam Goodwin will search for his 101st win against the Bobcats in his 19th with Northwestern State. The 1998 Southland Football League Coach of the Year could surpass Harry Turpin, making him the winningest coach in football history.

Goodwin, along with women's basketball head coach James Smith and men's track coach Leon Johnson, will be inducted in the Graduated 'N' Club Saturday.

Northwestern comes into tomorrow's ordeal after a frustrating 20-17 loss to the McNeese State Cowboys at Cowboy Field. That makes the second straight game that the Demons have lost by only three points. The Demons make great stride, posting a season best 27 first downs.

Senior quarterback Brad Spangler acquired the 10th-best single-game total in school history, throwing for 313 yards. He has a 46 percent passing efficiency and has totaled 2,079 in two seasons with the Demons.

Saturday's matchup will pit the top two rushers in the SFL against one another. Sophomore tailback Tony Taylor and Southwest Texas' Bronson Sanders shared the No. 1 & 2 spots. Tony "the Tiger" Taylor has nine 100-yard games notched in his career. He had three straight before running for 44 yards on 18 carries against Troy State.

Saturday's game will house the top two defense in the conference. Southwest Texas defense has only allowed 237 yards per game. and let the running game have only 85 yards per game.

The Purple Swarm rest at second in the league within total defense (299 yards per game) and leads the SFL in pass efficiency defense (105.1 rating.)

This series goes back 17 years. The Demons have prevailed over Southwets Texas 34-10 and have won the last three games. In those, the Demons have outscored the Bobcats 114-13.

Also, check out the Jack Clayton plaza, which now resides behind the south end zone. It symbolizes the hard work of coach Clayton and his team which went undefeated in 1966.

Nicknames

I-49, Pyscho, Elvis. Thes sound like callsigns out of GI Joe They are the nicknames of th Northwestern State Demons foot ball players.

These names are used as muc as the numbers they wear.

Players get these names in dif ferent ways. Some get them fro something unusual. Some are jus a form of bragging rights. Here ar just a few.

Potatohead -- Maurice Dodie
Duke -- Mike Green
Thor -- Thalamus Rogers
Zablua -- Zach Rogers
Kool-Aid -- Orlando Hamilton
Malcolm X -- Myron Harris
Kerry Rogers Hillard Jones
Kerry Hillard
Jabberjaw -- Joesph Jones
Toast -- Daiquiri Rabb
Silent Assassin-Charvis Richmond
Quiet Storm -- Tony Washington
Mrs. Doubtfire -- Marc Holmes
Ray-Ray -- Dàmion Brown
The Snake -- Jake Michel
The Turtle -- Terrence McGee
Pink Panther -- B.J. Williams.
The Tiger -- Tony Taylor
Too Smooth --T.J. Sutherland
Elvis -- Williams Broussard
Meat Pie -- Brad Skinner
Moose -- Todd Demoss
Riggs, Chess Player-Shawn Grisby
Thin Man -- Kendrick Llorens
Hit Man -- Ahmad Willis
Iceman -- Nathan Black
Lone Ranger-- Eric Granger
Double Clutch Jeremy McCullough
Oncoming -- Oscar Comeaux
Coach Black -- Harris Wilson

Officials

Referee - Paul Labenne
Umpire - Ronnie Jones
Lineman - Bob Hix
Line Judge - Dave Nesmith
Side Judge - Steve Whitbeck
Field Judge - Chuck Miers
Back judge - Randall Howell

NSU STARTERS

Offense
SE - 8 Chris Pritchett
TE - 85 Davin White
LT - 70 Oscar Comeaux
LG - 74 Gene Tennison
C - 53 William Broussard
RG - 66 Ryan Sweezy
RT - 73 Brian Whaley
FL - 81 Eric Granger
FB - 97 Jeremy McCullough
TB - 36 Tony Taylor
QB - 11 Brad Spangler

Defense
DE - 56 Roy Locks
DT - 96 Herchel Monroe
NT - 75 Chris Jones
DE - 40 Ahmad Willis
SLB - 84 Jake Michel
MLB - 58 Kurt Rodriguez
WLB - 49 Damion Brown
LCB - 2 Kendrick Llorens
RV - 5 Mike Green
FS - 9 B.J. Williams
RCB - 26 Terrence McGee

K - 18 Clint Sanford
KO- 91 Brad Cobb
P - 32 Mark Holmes

NSU STATS SWT

	NSU	SWT
First Downs	131	141
Rushing	50	120
Passing	66	56
Penalty	15	47
Rushing Yards	992	924
Yards gained rushing	1237	1170
Yards lost rushing	245	246
Rushing attempts	252	274
Average per game	141.7	132.0
Passing yards	1560	1039
Att.-Comp-Int.	232-99-18	227-107-10
Average per Game	222.9	148.4
Total Offense Yards	2552	1963
Total Plays	484	501
Average per game	364.6	280.4
Kickoff Returns/ Yds.	27-475	20-386
Punt Returns/ Yds.	24-224	20-205
Fumbles/Lost	14-7	16-10
Penalties/ Yards	66-612	52-448
Punts-Avg.	31-41.5	46-42.1
Time of Possession	29:13	32:25
3rd Down Conv.	35/99	34/112
4th Down Conv.	4/12	5/13

SWT STARTERS

Offense
WR - 4 Tyson Olivo
TE - 88 Brett Fohler
LT - 65 Todd Otte
LG - 69 Joe Wooten
C - 64 Bill Wyman
RG - 68 Julius Wilson
SE - 3 D'Angelo Torres
WR - 18 Marvin Giddings
RB - 12 Bronson Sanders
QB - 13 Spergon Wynn

Defense
LDE - 56 Ryan Wilkes
DT - 76 Mike McClure
NT - 99 Clenton Ballard
RDE - 92 Ben McCellan
SLB - 54 Myron Coleman
MLB - 32 Greg Pitts
WLB - 34 C. J. Caroll
LCB - 5 Kendall Jones
SS - 20 Sterling Rogers
FS - 7 Cliffton Black
RCB - 2 Darrick Vaughn

PK - 37 Justin Martinez
P - 24 Rick Barrow

Northwestern State dominates opponents at Turpin, Texas

Kris Collinsworth

When at home, The Northwestern State Demons are a force to be reckoned with.

Three of the finals four home game of this season will be held in Turpin Stadium, which will be nice for a team that has faced five of seven game at other locations.

Northwestern has mark of 75-28-1 (.726) amidst the bleachers of Turpin.

The Demons have won 14 of their last 16 game and 17 of their last 21 at the Pit a.k.a. Turpin Stadium.

As the Southland Conference Champions, the went 6-2 last year at home.

As far as the type of field they play on, Northwestern is 17of 20 in game played on turf.

The Demons were 7-2 last season on the fake grass (six at home, one a t Stephen F. Austin)

Northwestern is 70-38-1 under the reign of 17th year veteran head coach Sam Goodwin on artificial turf, including 21 wins in their last 27 opportunities.

The Demons have won 26 of their last 34 on turf and are 48-24 (.667) on turf in the '90s.

The Demons have controlled the Texas counterparts for the past 11 straight games.

Northwestern State has not lost a game to a Texas opponents since 1995, when that season ended with a 25-20 loss to Stephen F. Austin.

Northwestern State has been solid in the red zone-the opponent 30-yard line or closer-scoring on 8 of it 12 paydirt trips.

They went 3-7 against McNeese, with two muffed field goals and two interceptions.

Northwestern State has scored 19-40 this season, They are 10-11 in two wins and 9-29 in two losses.

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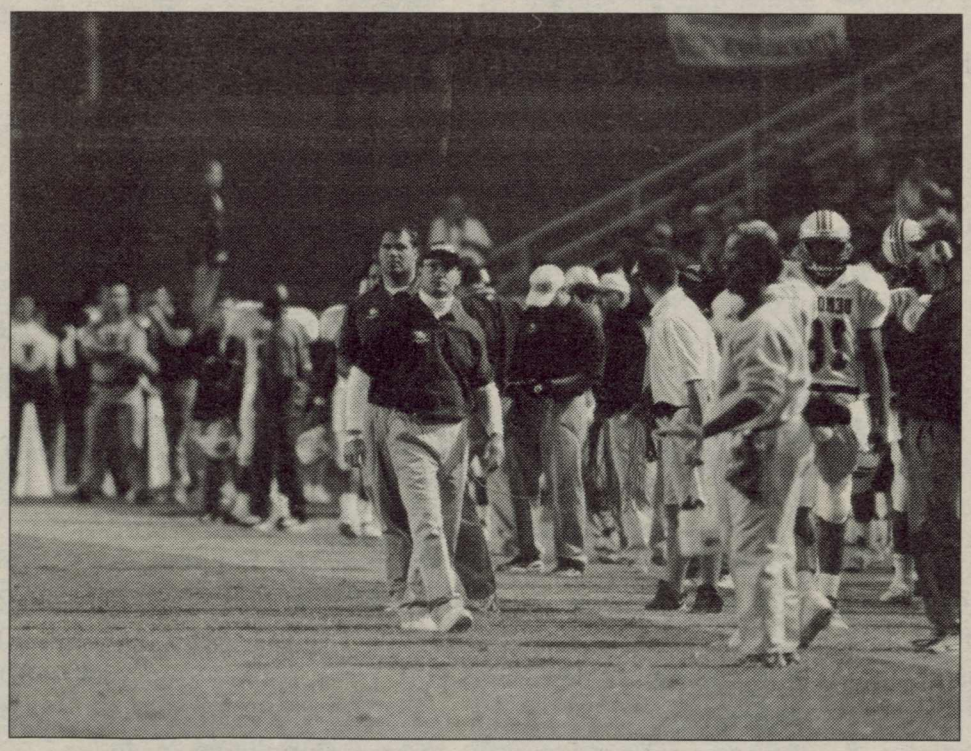

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Sam Goodwin, head Demon football coach, is on the verge of becoming the winningest coach in the history of University football. Harry S. "Rags" Turpin originally set the record at 100 wins. Goodwin has struggled for the record since earning his 100th win against Nicholls 42-17. Goodwin now faces Southwest Texas, a team the Demons have beat three years straight. Against Texas teams, the Demons have won 11 games straight. The Demons have not lost to a Texas team opponent since 1995, when the season ended with a 25-20 defeat to Stephen F. Austin.

Raymond Williams

NSU Football head coach, Sam Goodwin, is expected to become the winningest football coach in the history of NSU football.

Goodwin was born in Knoxville, Tenn. but grew up in Pineville, La. There he attended local public schools until his graduation from Pineville High School.

"My high school years were nothing to brag about," Goodwin said of his high school athletic career.

Goodwin played on Pineville High's state championship team in 1960. In his senior year, he was named team captain and played offensive guard and defensive tackle while weighing only 145 pounds. However, he only played in the first and last games of the season because of a broken leg he received in the first game.

Goodwin said he played as a walk-on candidate during his freshman year at Henderson State. He became an All-American and Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Player on offense and defense. He was also a NAIA All-American guard. In addition, Goodwin was a three-time AIC champion in the discus on Henderson State's track team. He set both conference and school records in the discus.

Goodwin earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Henderson State in 1966 and went on to earn a master's in 1968 from the University of Central Arkansas.

Goodwin coached at several schools before settling at NSU. He began coaching at a public middle school in Little Rock, Ark. From there he accepted the head coach position at a new high school in the area and stayed there for nine years. Then he took a head coach position at South Arkansas University where he stayed for two years. Later he took a job as an offensive back coach at the University of Arkansas for another two years.

Drawn to the familiar area of Natchitoches, Goodwin said he applied for the head coach position at NSU.

"It was like coming home," Goodwin said.

Goodwin said he came to NSU as head coach in 1982, not knowing what to expect from his team. The Demons had a record of 6-5 from the previous season and Goodwin said that he knew he faced some hard work to turn the team around.

Goodwin said many players had disciplinary problems and bad attitudes. He said that he had to discipline many players and kick some off the team.

"I remember weighing 210 pounds that first year I took the job, by the time the season was over, I was like 180 pounds," Goodwin said. "It was a struggle."

Goodwin attributes most of his success to the positive attitude he was born with.

"I've always had confidence in my ability," said Goodwin. "Success gives you confidence, although there have been some failures along the way."

Goodwin's success at the University began in 1984 when he led the Demons to the Gulf State Conference. His success continued in 1988, 1997 and 1998 by winning the Southland Conference title. Goodwin said that between these victories were times of defeat and hardship.

Goodwin said that success of a team does not rely solely on any one person or group of persons. However, he said that if a team is doing well, the coach will receive the majority of the credit and if they are doing poorly the coach will receive the bulk of the pressure to do better.

Goodwin said those seasons like this one often put his positive attitude to the test. The Demons are currently 2-5 after returning from a winning season.

"We're trying to salvage a winning season," Goodwin said. "That's tough when you have a group that has high expectations and coaches that have high expectations and here you are with four games to go in the season."

Goodwin said that the University does not always have the best talent, but there are usually many players on the team who are hungry to prove themselves. Goodwin credits this type of attitude for the success of his team.

Running backs coach, Darrel Toussaint, said Goodwin is always on top of difficult situations.

"He is a veteran of the game," said Toussaint.

"I'm a competitor," Goodwin said.

"I like [the players] to say that coach wanted us to win and that he cared about us as individuals. I don't know if all the players would say that about me," he continued.

Chris Prichett, senior wide receiver, said Goodwin is definitely a good leader.

"As a person everyone respects him," Pritchett said.

"He's always there for his players."

David Harvard, senior defensive end, said that Goodwin's success is obvious.

"Just look at long he's been here and how many ex-players come back to watch the games," Harvard said.

Harvard, Prichett and Toussaint all agreed that Goodwin is unmistakably a leader.They all commented on Goodwin's strong sense of authority.

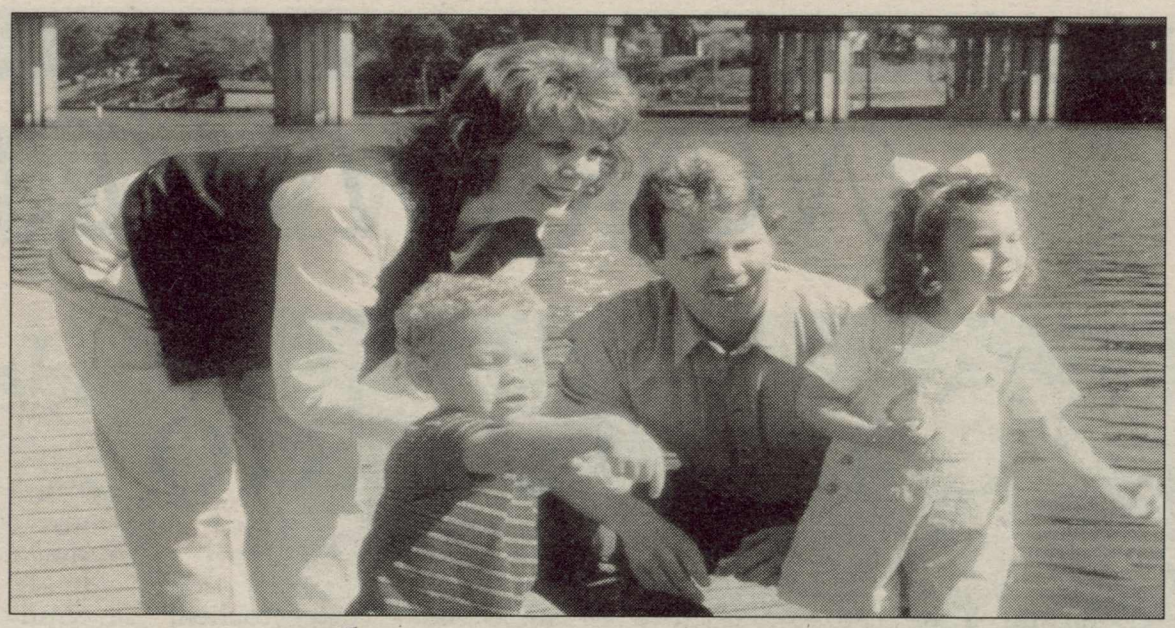
"What he says--goes," Prichett said. "Everyone accepts that."

Toussaint said Goodwin presents an unquestioned authority, but is also open to comments and opinions.

Toussaint also said that Goodwin has an innate ability to communicate with his players.

"Sam is an outstanding coach," Toussaint said.

GO DEMONS!



T. Taylor
Townsend
State Representative

Dear Friends:

Barbara and I thank you, the people of Natchitoches and Winn, for your vote and support on Saturday, October 23rd.

Hundreds of you welcomed us into your homes, churches and businesses during the campaign. We appreciate the opportunity to visit with you about your concerns, and more importantly, about your hopes and dreams for the future of our children.

Now that the election is over, it is time to move forward as a community. I invite each of you to join with me, as we continue to work hard for a positive change in District #23 and for the State of Louisiana.

I look forward to serving as your State Representative and invite you to contact me if I may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,
Taylor Townsend
State Representative,
District #23

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Chief Caddo

In March of 1962, the Lumberjacks of Stephen F. Austin College of Nacogdoches, Texas presented Northwestern State University with a black gum tree trunk from the SFA campus from which a statue was to be carved. The black gum tree weighed over a ton and was thirty inches in diameter.

An Indian statue, Chief Caddo, was chosen because of the historic founding of Natchitoches, La. and Nacogdoches, Tx. by Indian tribes.

It was carved by Harold Greene in Logansport and required over 200 hours of labor. The name "Chief Caddo" was selected in honor of the ancient federation of Caddo Indian tribes, which once inhabited the northern Louisiana area.

The final painting of the statue was done at Northwestern. The finished product stands 8 feet tall and weighs about 400 pounds.

The first game for Chief Caddo was Sept. 15, 1962. Northwestern won 23-6. Tradition has it that the winner of the annual NSU and SFA football game keeps Chief Caddo on their respective campus.

NSU currently has Chief Caddo because of their win over SFA last year.

Source: 1998-1999 Student Handbook

File Photo

Chief Caddo changes hands in 1964

VIC the Demon

HEATHER PATTON

In 1984, the athletic department sponsored a contest to christen NSU's mascot.

After shuffling through over 300 entries, the department finally came upon a name - Vic, which was submitted by alumnae Ray Carney.

Carney's choice, which is short for "Victory," won him an all-expense paid weekend to the Louisiana State Fair Classic.

Northwestern's new Vic the Demon, Roderick Moy, is an incoming freshman from Sterlington, La.

The 1965 NSU Mascot

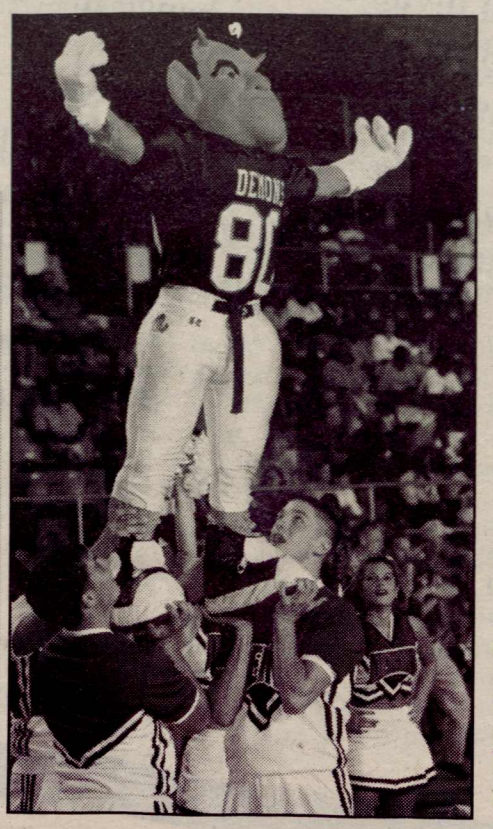
To be Vic, a student must have a 2.0 G.P.A. and be a full-time student. The university has tryouts, and the students trying out do a prepared skit for judges.

"Rod is very dedicated and he's a lot of fun," said Susanna Deshotel, assistant director of student activities.

"You can tell he likes the job because of how good he is with the kids at games and he'll get up in the stands with the fans," Deshotel continued. "He's doing a great job. He is basically just supposed to go to the games, but he helps out at practice, as well."

"He's an awesome mascot. He's very supportive. We appreciate all of his time that he puts into it," said Liz Patchen, a member of the cheerleading team.

"I was mascot in high school for two years and I wanted to do it in college," said Roderick Moy, the new Vic the Demon. "I like the people on the cheerleading team and being Vic helps me get to know the town better."



The 1999 Vic the Demon

Alma Mater

Oh, Alma Mater here today, We for thy lasting blessings pray, we know not where our paths may go, but, thou'll uphold us still we know, unchanging thou, 'mid changes vast, unswerved from ideals of the past, steadfast and true, our watchword e're shall be
- To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!

Thy trees their solemn chorus bend about thee, flowers their censers blend. Our voices swell their murmuring strain, our hearts repeat the old refrain, thy purpose high to carry on Northwestern, thou has honor won! Steadfast and true, our watchword e're shall be - To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!

In after years, when far away, thy presence strong will near us stay, and as the echo of our son will, with new courage, lead us on; And to our eager vision then each subtle memory meaning lend, steadfast and true, our watchword e're shall be
- To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!

Isabel Williamson
(Mrs. S.J. Cumming)

TRADITIONS

The Legend of Isabella

STEPHANIE DANBY

Windows closing all by themselves, room temperatures dropping without any adjustments made to the air conditioning level and televisions changing channels-no remote required.

According to most Varnado Hall residents, there is only one explanation to these "haunting" occurrences: Isabella.

Isabella was a young French maiden who, at one time, lived in the original Bullard Mansion on what is currently the Normal Hill on the University's campus.

During her stay in the mansion, she fell in love with a young man and they were to be married. But, shortly before the wedding date arrived, the young man was killed in a duel, supposedly over another woman.

Overcome with grief, Isabella became a nun.

But not even the convent could cure her grief.

Believing that only death would silence her pain, one stormy night Isabella put an end to her mourning by plunging a dagger into her heart.

According to legend, her spirit roamed Bullard Mansion until it was torn down. Since then, she has been spotted throughout various buildings on campus.

She remained at East Hall until it was demolished in 1932, when she moved to the Music Hall. When the Music Hall was torn down, Isabella moved again, with the aide of several young male college students, dressed as ghosts, who coaxed her out of the building.

The spirit wandered aimlessly across the campus for almost three years, until finally settling down in Caldwell Hall, which people believe was chosen due to its close location to Bullard Mansion.

When Caldwell Hall burned down in October 1982, 750 students performed a ceremony on Halloween night, helping Isabella move yet again to the Women's Old Gym, located beside Varnado Hall.

According to Pete Gregory, archaeology professor, the move was successful.

"President Orzie and my daughter Leslie reenacted the ghost leaving the old building, which was over close to where the Columns is," Gregory said. "They walked the ghost - my daughter played the role of the ghost - from the Columns over to the Women's Gym. They've seen the ghost looking out the second window of the old gym, and that was before the old gym burned. So, Isabella may be in the ruins of the old gym or she may be wandering around campus."

However, the most frequent "hauntings" have occurred in Varnado Hall.

A junior physics major, who wishes to remain anonymous, has experienced her share of "hair-raising hauntings" during her residency in Varnado Hall.

"Isabella's visited my room," she said. "Late at night, I'll be laying in bed trying to fall asleep and it'll feel like she's nudging the bed. It's creepy because I'm sure she's in this dorm and visits us late at night."

But not all of the occurrences thought to be caused by Isabella take place inside of the dorm rooms. Some residents claim it's the halls of Varnado that Isabella roams.

"When I was here last summer," Heather Patton,junior journalism major, said, "I was here all by myself in the dorm, and I would hear doors opening and closing on the East Hall. So, I just kind of said 'Okay Isabella, if you're around, don't haunt me'."

Although Isabella's exact location remains a mystery, all who claim to have been haunted by her ghost believe that her spirit will forever roam Northwestern's campus. With this thought in mind, have a haunted Halloween!

Demons Fight Song

Go ye Demons take the field,
Northwestern Demons never yield.
So, fight Demons win tonight,
victory is on our side!
Go! Fight! Win!
Purple and white shall ever reign,
filling the air with battle strains.
So, Demons forever stand and
fight for dear old Demonland.

GO DEMONS!

GO DEMONS!

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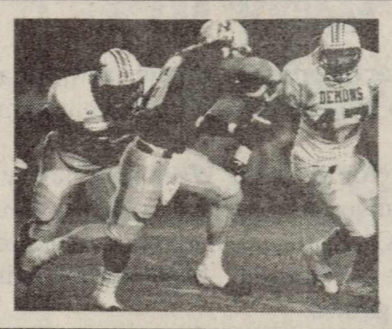
Seymour named to state position at conference.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The content of *The Current Sauce* was cut in preparation of our special Millennium Edition, which will be available this weekend at the Homecoming game. Please look for your copy of the Millennium Edition at the gates of Turpin Stadium. The staff encourages you all to participate in the special Homecoming events held just for you. Good luck DEMONS!



The Demons flounder again. This time it's to McNeese.
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New faces at forefront of Natchitoches political scene

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Two political newcomers made history Saturday when they beat the odds to capture two of the area's top spots.

Natchitoches Attorney Taylor Townsend and former Natchitoches Parish sheriff's deputy Victor Jones, who are admitted political novices, captured the positions of state representative and sheriff, respectively.

Townsend, 36, defeated state Rep. Jimmy Long, D-Natchitoches, in Saturday's primary elections by less than 200 votes. According to election results, Townsend received 51 percent of the votes.

Townsend is the nephew of former state Sen. Don Kelly and is a partner in the law firm Kelly, Townsend & Thomas.

Long has served in the House since 1968, making him the longest-serving member of the House in Louisiana history. He was seeking an eighth four-year term.

The race was anybody's guess Saturday night, and Townsend admitted being nervous. He credits his close win by running a positive and energetic grassroots campaign.

"It's time to roll up our sleeves to make a positive change," Townsend said shortly after learning he was the winner.

He made sure to thank all his supporters who worked tirelessly during his campaign, especially his family and friends.

He said he and Long talked on the telephone shortly after all results were reported. Townsend said he and Long agreed to work together to make the transition a smoother one. With so many years spent in the Legislature, Townsend recognized the fact that Long has a large group of loyal supporters.

However, Townsend said he has worked hard to earn the people's trust, and he urged Long to ask his supporters to be open to the change.

"We need to work together," Townsend said.

Jones made history Saturday by becoming the first black criminal sheriff in Louisiana since Reconstruction.

Natchitoches Parish Sheriff Boyd Durr came in second, with Natchitoches City Marshal coming in third.

Shortly after election results came in Saturday, Jones said he was "numb." With three men running for sheriff, Jones felt there would be a run-off on Nov. 20.

"I don't know how I feel," he said. "I'm excited."

Like Townsend, Jones credited his family and friends for helping him with the election. He also made a point to express his admiration for both Durr and Rachal, who he said are "both great guys." In fact, Jones served as a sheriff's deputy under Durr, and Jones said he learned a lot from the sheriff.

Even though he won't officially take office until July 1, Jones said he plans to continue touring the parish, meeting people and getting an idea of their needs and concerns.

"That's what it's all about - serving the people," Jones said.

Schroeder to lecture Monday

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

On Nov. 1 classes will be dismissed from 9-10 a.m. for the Distinguished Lecture Series.

Patricia Scott Schroeder, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association of American Publishers, will speak about the changes in the book industry as well as the future of book publishing.

Schroeder

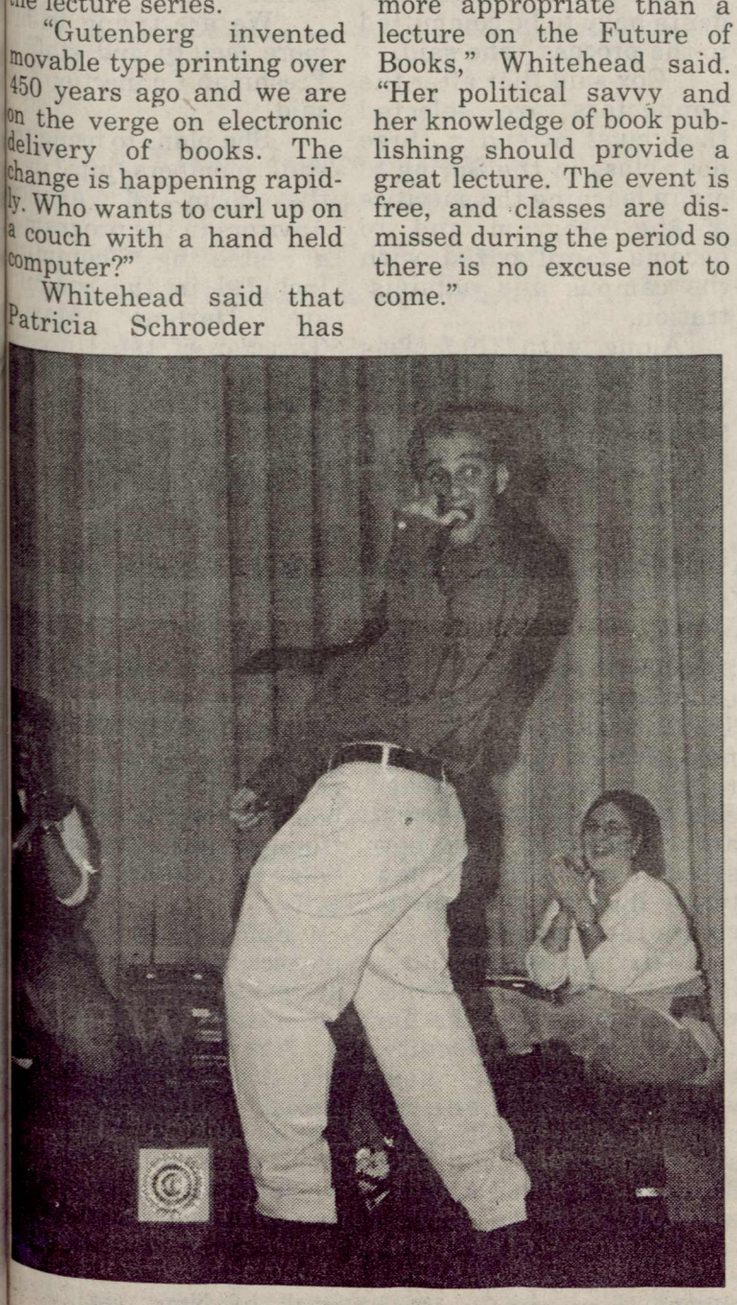
"The review of the book publishing should be interesting," said Tom Whitehead, chairman of the lecture series.

"Gutenberg invented movable type printing over 450 years ago and we are on the verge on electronic delivery of books. The change is happening rapidly. Who wants to curl up on a couch with a hand held computer?"

Whitehead said that Patricia Schroeder has been on the American political scene for the last quarter of the century. Schroeder is a former congresswoman, a professor and is helping in the Institute for Civil Society in Newton, Mass.

Several of her big achievements include seeing the Family and Medical Leave Act and the National Institute of Health Revitalization Act to success in 1993.

"This is a part of our Celebration of the Millennium. And what is more appropriate than a lecture on the Future of Books," Whitehead said. "Her political savvy and her knowledge of book publishing should provide a great lecture. The event is free, and classes are dismissed during the period so there is no excuse not to come."



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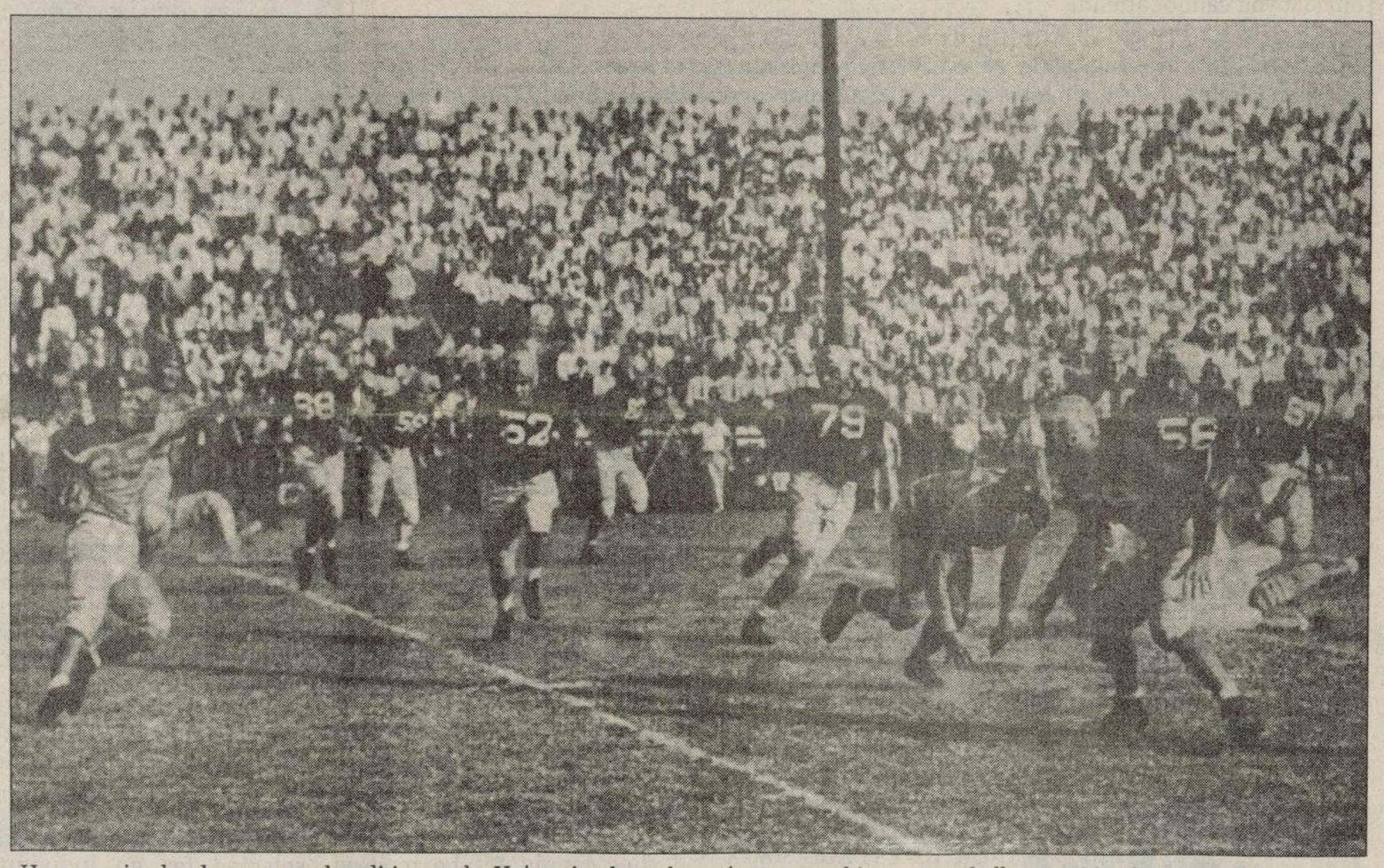
Homecoming Hunnie Will Hooper of Sigma Nu wowed the Queen and her Court with his 'sweetest' moves.



Homecoming has been a proud tradition at the University throughtout its 115 year history. Football games like the one above have been an integral part of the Homecoming celebration since the old Normal first fielded a team.

Homecoming packed with events for everyone

Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board plans to take students on a journey "from normal to now" during this year's Homecoming Week.

Homecoming Week activities began on Oct. 25, with a blood drive in front of the Student Union. Eligible students will be able to donate their plasma Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at the blood drive.

Laser Tag will be held in the Student Union Ballroom from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Here, students can zap their friends in one-on-one or team against team battles.

Homecoming Hunnie will begin at 7:00 pm in the Student Union Ballroom.

This is a pageant for guys nominated by different organizations on campus and will be judged by the Homecoming Court. The winner will receive a cash prize of 50-dollars.

Immediately following the Homecoming Hunnie pageant is the Lip Sync Contest.

This contest is open to any organization or student formed group, including resident halls. Seventy-five-dollars will be awarded for first place, 50-dollars for second and 25-dollars for third.

Monday will also mark the beginning of the Banner Contest.

Banners will be judged by selected individuals in the University as well as the community. Their judgment will be based on four categories: religious, greek, residence and other. A 50-dollar cash prize will be awarded to the first place winner of each category.

Tuesday, students can make their own music video and take a copy home to show their friends in the Interactive Video activity. This will be held from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Student Union Lobby.

At 8:00 that evening, Abbey Road, a 60's cover band, will be performing in The Alley.

Wednesday's activities begin with a photo-button photo shoot in the Student Union Lobby at 11:00 am and end with the IM Fun Run and Bar-B-Que.

The Fun Run is a 5k, 3.1 mile, marathon that begins at 4:30 pm. The first 150 people to enter the marathon will get a free T-shirt and prizes will be awarded to the winner of the race.

After the race, there will be a Bar-B-Que and mini pep-rally in front of the IM Building for anyone who wants to attend. Prizes donated by local businesses will be raffled off during these IM activities.

Thursday, the Homecoming Court will be painting school spirit on students cars at 11:00 am in front of the Student Union.

At 4:00 that afternoon, the Student Union Ballroom will be transformed into a Halloween-type setting for Greek Carnival.

Here, children dress-up in their Halloween costumes, pay a nickel for a ticket and win candy and prizes.

The Drive-In movie will begin at 8:00 pm on the football field. Bring a blanket, bring a snack and bring some earplugs because The Blair Witch Project is the feature presentation.

Friday's activities line-up at Prather Coliseum with the float contest at 4:00 pm. The first place winner of this contest will receive 50-dollars and 150-dollars will be awarded for the best overall float.

The Homecoming parade begins at 5:00 pm in the Coliseum parking lot and ends with a pep rally on the riverbank. The banner contest and float contest winners will be announced at this time.

A bon-fire will be blazing in the field at the bottom of Greek Hill at 10:00 that evening, bringing an end to the Homecoming Week activities.

Kick-off for the Homecoming game is at 11:00 Saturday morning.

All Homecoming activities, including Saturday's game, are free with your student ID.

"We have a lot of activities planned," Susanna Deshotel, Assistant Director of Student Activities, said. "Students can really show pride in their school by participating in the Homecoming activities and by going to the game especially."

If anyone would like to get involved with student activities, please contact the Student Activities Board at 357-6511.

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Sigma Sigma Sigma: The service project will be Wednesday. Remember, this is a mandatory event. Congratulations to the Sigmas who participated in Lip Sync, you did a great job!

Phi Mu Fraternity: Happy Homecoming Week and Happy Halloween. Please participate in all Homecoming Events and support our sisters on the Court. Don't forget to work the Greek Carnival on Thursday. On Friday, line up for the Homecoming Parade at 4 p.m. Dress up for the Homecoming Game on Saturday. Make sure to bring your family to Parents' Day on Sunday for lots of fun and games.

Purple Jackets: Don't forget our next meeting will be on Monday, November 1, in the Student Union at 9 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

Varnado Hall is having a trick-or-treat on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Come bring your kids in costume for some safe trick-or-treat fun!! Located on College Ave. across from the Texaco with a U-shaped driveway.

Student Personnel Association (SPA) is sponsoring the only food booth at Boogie on the Bricks. Serving Sandwiches and Drinks October 30th @ 5:00 pm until.

Campus Crusade for Christ: Co-ed greek discussion on dating, sex, and marriage at 9:00 Tuesday in the Cane River room of the student union.
Co-ed Bible study at 6:30 Thursday in the Cane River room of the student union. Everyone is invited.

Psi Chi: Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, is proud to announce that the NSU chapter of Psi Chi inducted the following members into the Honor Society on October 29, 1999: Kerry Garrigan, Raymond Floyd, Gerrit Hultink, William LaGrange Jr., Frances McDaniel, Dale McPhearson, Wendi Petrus, Emily Smith, Jamie Walker, and Donna Chandler.

Blue Key: Meeting Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Cane River Room. Please contact Dr. Seymour's office if you cannot attend.

Spanish Club: Meetings at 3 p.m. every Friday in room 333 of Kyser Hall.
Circle K: Circle K International is sponsoring a Homecoming Hunger Stomp Out. All organizations are encouraged to attend to see who can collect the most canned foods and nonperishable food items. For more information contact Jeri Brumfield @ 357 - 4236.

Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E): Meeting time Thursday at 4:00. Members please attend.

Freshman Connection: Applications are now available for Freshman Connector and Junior Connector positions. Applications are available in the Office of New Student Programs in room 103 of the Student Union. Deadline for submitting an application is Friday, November 5, at noon.

Halloween activities begin Thursday

Lacy Chism
Sauce Reporter

Demon spirit is in the air, not only for Homecoming, but for ghouls and goblins. Halloween is approaching fast, and several organizations are hosting activities for this week.

The Greek organizations will be sponsoring a Halloween carnival for the children of Natchitoches parish on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

There will be children's games and traditional carnival food. Face painting will also be held. Grades K-5 children received a free ticket, and each additional person is five cents and a canned good. This is the seventh year the carnival is being done and it has been very successful before.

STUN, the Student Theater Union of Northwestern, is creating a haunted house at A. A. Frederick's this Friday, 7 to 11, and Saturday, 7 to 12. Admission is $3.50 per person or $3 with a canned good.

This year's theme will be The Unpublished of NSU Theater. There will be theater students dressed as characters and props from the theater department will be used.

The haunted house is open to children and adults, and guides will be walking people through and telling them the stories, which include urban legends. This is the third year for the haunted house to be produced, and it has been very profitable for the theater department in the past few years.

"It is not your stereotypical haunted house. That's what we pride ourselves on," Laura West, President STUN.

There will be signs directing you to the beginning of the haunted house.

For the Scholars Students, there will be a Halloween Food Fa Tuesday night at 7 p.m. 102 Morrison Hall. Th event, which is sponsored by the LSC Forum, will include Professor Jeopardy and a costume contest. Prizes w be given for the best overa the most politically incorre and the most accurate co tumes. Admission is $3 or covered dish.

In the spirit of scar movies, the SAB will b showing the Blair Wit Project Thursday at 8 p.m on the football field.

Also, Varnado Hall wi be hosting trick or treati this Thursday night from to 9 p.m.

Sigma Alpha Iota to sponsor "beauty pageant"

Karly Pierre
Contributing Writer

Beauty pageants aren't just for girls. "Women of the Night" drag queen pageant sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota sorority gives NSU men a chance at the crown.

The pageant is scheduled for Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the band room. Tickets cost $3 or $2 and a canned good.

This is the fourth year Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) hosts the pageant. Senior, Pam Shore, treasurer of SAI, said Lori Barber who was treasurer of SAI in the fall of 1996 came up with the idea for the pageant. Shore said even though the past pageants have been a success, SAI wants to increase student participation in the show.

"We have had between 12 to15 guys enter each year," Shore said. "We are trying to get more participation and include the school instead of just the creative and performing arts department."
Shore said SAI dues cover the expense of the show and SAI donates the money earned from the pageant to philanthropies, the national SAI organization and to help bring guest artists to NSU for concerts.

Shore said faculty members usually judge the pageant. Shore also said talent competition will be added the finalist round this yea

"It is lots of fun, nothi serious," Shore said. " don't want professional dr queens. It is like a comedy act. Everyo laughs and no one ge hurt."

Senior, Kelly Watki SAI president, agreed th the pageant is a uni event on campus.

"It is a fun and differe kind of fundraiser for u Watkins said. "No one e does anything like th around here, so it giv everyone something diff ent to do. It is also so fun to see my guy frien dressed up as women!"

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Freshman Connectors being sought for summer 200

Larry Collins
Contributing Writer

The office of New Student Programs has begun taking applications for approximately 20 Freshman Orientation Leaders (Freshman Connectors and Junior Connectors).

The application requires that candidates be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University, maintaining a cumulative 2.5 college GPA or a 3.0 high school GPA (for first semester students). Other requirements include "A desire to work with students, parents, faculty and staff, positive communication skills, problem solving skills, and integrity."

Applications can be picked up in room 103 of the Student Union and are due back by November 5.

Director of New Student Programs Rheatha Cox said that along with these attributes the applicant will need two recommendations and a resume.

She also said that students have a three hour session where they will participate in scenarios that a Connector may face, and from there, students will be selected for an individual interview.

Cox said that interviewers will be looking for "someone who is committed to the University, has a good time going to school, who enjoys their college environment and wants to share that."

Former Connector Virginia Dixon agreed.

"[A connector] should have good leadership skills, meaning that they could be with an entire group of different personalities, and be opened minded to different types of people and still be able to work with everyone," she said.

"It takes a special person to have the time and spirit needed to be a Freshman Connector," Dixon continued.

Cox also thought that it takes a special person to fill the position.

"It's a hard job and students have to be committed to the process," she said.

Cox said that after the Connectors are selected they must attend a three hour class in the Spring to aid in learning the specifics of the program and to become familiarized with the campus and administration.

Along with this class Connectors must attend a weekend retreat, and the Southern Region Orientation Workshop, that is being held at Mississi State University Starksville, Miss.

She said that the c sen Connectors will rece a five hundred dollar sch arship for the Fall 20 semester.

Cox said that there a number of changes th will be made in t Freshman Connection p gram.

"We are trying to br more faculty and staff i Freshman Connection," s said.

She plans to bring th staff members into use the form of Acade Advisors in the program a steering commit Included in the commit are Darlene Mars (Director of the Univers Bookstore), Steve Hor (Department of Journal Head) and Barbara G (Director of Testing).

New student friendly e-mail system to be implemented at University

Heath Crawford
Contributing Writer

When it comes to student email accounts, the computer center says, "Out with the old and in with the new."

Anthony Scheffler, computer center director, said the "alpha" system currently being used isn't adequate for the number of students and faculty accounts accessing it.

"Right now, the whole university exclusively goes through alpha," Scheffler said. "We always have had a problem with the number of students who want to access alpha. The number of phone lines required to get them into alpha has ended up with a log jam. We have a whole lot more students than we have speed and facilities to which they can have the access that they need to have reliable email."

Scheffler said that the new box is another alpha but carries the name "student".

"This new box we're changing over to will be called "student," Scheffler said.

"Now it will be "John@student.nsula.edu" because that designates the box that it is on. It is in fact another alpha but instead of calling it "alpha2" or something like that we just called it student." Scheffler said that the solution to this problem was made apparent when students chose to use their technology fees to improve upon the current system.

"The student government and the Itech committee approved expenditure for a new box that will be separate from alpha that will be exclusively for the students to have for email," Scheffler said.

"The best thing about it is that only the students will be using it."

Anthony Scheffler
Director, Computer Center

Students shouldn't have any major problems with the new system. Scheffler said the new system will work the same as the old system.

"I'm sure there will be a few little bugs as they do some of the transitions but they'll [computer center] work that out in time," Scheffler said.

Scheffler said the advantages to the new independent system are numerous.

"What this will provide essentially is more speed and more ease of access," Scheffler said. "You won't have to go through the PPP. You basically just click on it and you're there."

Scheffler said these improvements come at a price. The first year cost including the system and the phone line cost came in $40,000 under the estimated budget of $180,000. The only other cost for the new system is a yearly recurring phone line usage charge which will cost around $40,000. The new system will add 69 new phone lines for students to access their email.

"The best thing about it is that only the students will be using it," Scheffler said. "Right now, faculty, staff ... everybody uses what we have now which is about 40. The students alone will have their own 69 and the faculty/staff will have to use the other."

Scheffler doesn't see any real disadvantages except for some minor inconveniences.

"Probably one of the possible short term inconveniences will be the change in addresses," Scheffler s "Just like when you m you have to tell every your new address. The they're setting it up, if so one does try to access through your old addres will just convert autom cally."

Earl Gates, ju physics major, feels the system is needed but mor necessary.

"I'm glad they're att ing the main problem phone line accessibili Gates said. "I just hope t don't think this solves whole problem of getting line whenever you want.

Scheffler said the system goes into affect week of Nov. 15th. added that students receive information thro email about accessing new system.

Department of Education awards University $500,000 grant

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

On Oct. 6, the U.S. Department of Education awarded the University one of 11 grants in the total U. S. for the TRIO Dissemination Partnership program.

This grant was initially for one year, but was awarded for three years. The grant will provide funding for summer training workshops for faculty and staff of Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) in year one. In years two and three, it will provide funding for other Louisiana community and technical colleges.

"The purpose of this grant is to increase the institutions participating in the TRIO program," said Dr. Sue Weaver, the dean of the General College. "We did this proposal first because of President Webb's interest in a partnership with BPCC since so many of the BPCC students come here for their first two years. We felt that getting in on the ground floor with the other community colleges in the system would be a positive thing."

Trainers will be provided to disseminate practices in retaining first year college students. The three-year grant had an initial funding of $166,755, with possible higher amounts in the second and third years.

The grant was approved for $500,000. The program the Student Support Services works on is under TRIO. TRIO is a federal program for low-income students, first generation college students and disability students. There are three tasks that will be done to organize the program. The first is to hire a coordinator for the program to participate in it. The second is to meet with BPCC in early

November. The third will be for Christie Anderson and Don Barker, Director of Student Support Services to go to Washington on Nov. 15.

There will be eight colleges in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), seven community colleges and one technical college with 43 sites. The program will pair the old (the 30-year history in retaining students) and the new (LCTCS).

Coordinator of Academic Advising, Christie Anderson, said "We worked on the grant this summer, submitted it and it was approved this month."

Anderson is the head of the Excel program at the University. The Excel program targets incoming freshmen that have low or no scores on their ACT.

They come in during Freshmen Connection. This is the second year for the Excel program and there are approximately 400 kids in the program.

"This is a group of students that we want to catch at the beginning of their career and help them have a more personal interaction with faculty and staff. By teaching these classes, they get a more personal assistance with social and academic things. The first year we will work with BPCC to transport the Excel program. The community colleges are just beginning to form. We are considering working with the community college in Baton Rouge next," Anderson said.

"We hope to get a big bump in enrollment from students transferring from community colleges to NSU," Weaver said. "If you can get students to stay to their second year, then the battle is half won, because they've convinced themselves they have succeeded."

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University administrators elected to state association

Mary A. Freeman
Contributing Writer

Three of the University's faculty have been elected to positions in the Louisiana Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators, at the last state meeting.

Dan Seymour, vice president of Student Affairs, will be president, Robert Bowman is secretary-treasurer and Frances Pearson is the faculty liaison.

"I think it's an opportunity for Northwestern to be visible on a state level," said Pearson.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me professionally, but also good for Northwestern," Seymour said.

Seymour has several goals including a successful annual conference, addressing current topics of interest, and increasing participation in Louisiana by student affairs professionals. One current goal for LACUSPA is reducing student insurance rates.

Seymour

There are advantages to students because of the faculty's positions.

"Since NSU offers a Masters in the Arts in Student Personal Services, those grad. students can profit from my position," Seymour said, "through networking and employment after graduation."

All the graduate students in the Student Personnel Services program were able to attend the state conference last year, Pearson said.

"Part of the job of the faculty liaison is to provide opportunities at the state level," Pearson said.

The first formal meeting for LACUSPA will be, tentatively, in February, here at Northwestern.

LACUSPA determines the best ways administrators can assist students in personal development, works to improve professional standards for student personal administrators, and disperses important information for those in the field, according to a University press release.

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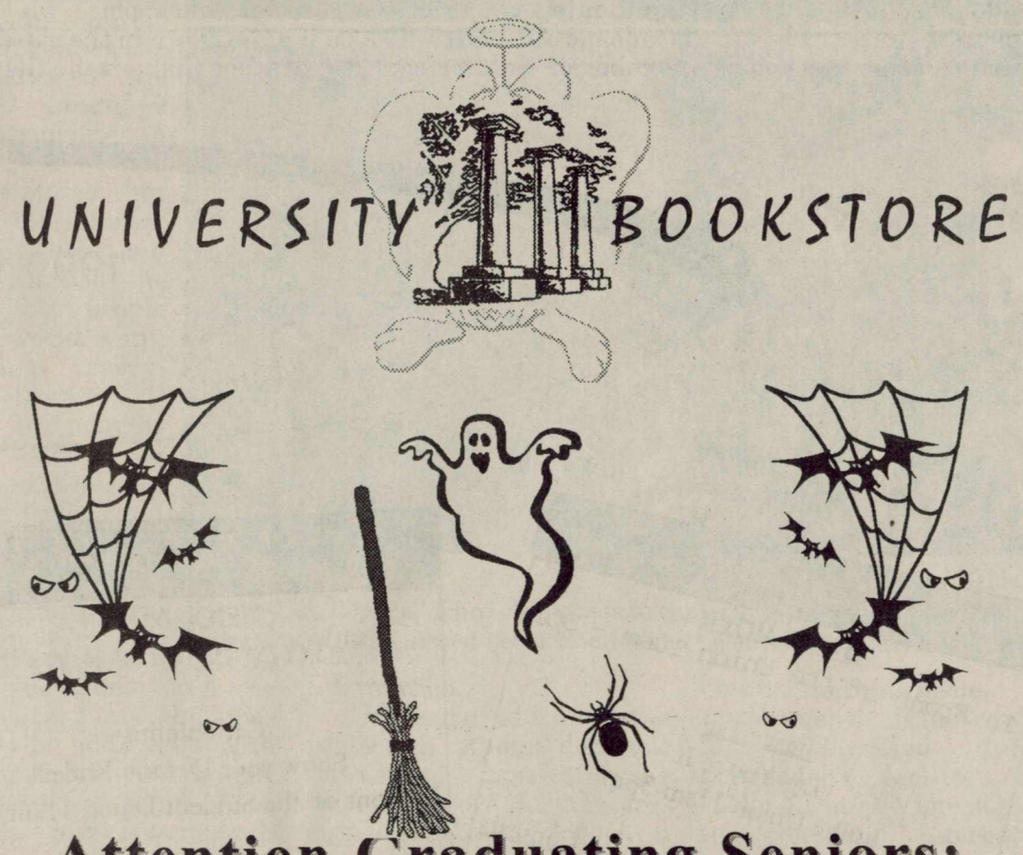

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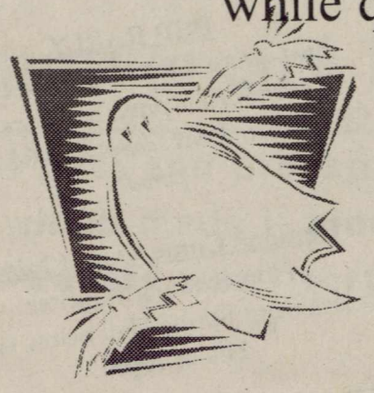

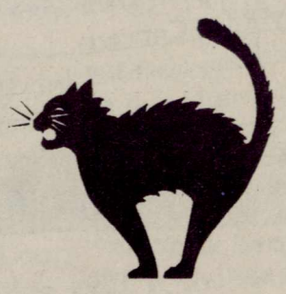

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Scholarship named in honor of William Broussard

Jay Lyles
Sauce Reporter

Young men have played football at Northwestern since the Louisiana Normal School was founded here well over a hundred years ago. From that time until present, football players have been trying hard to live down their stereotyped character of dumb jocks who would never be in school if it were not for football.

One young man at NSU transcends these stereotypes. He is the starting center for the Demons. He is an English major. He has a psychology minor. He is a senior, and he has a 3.536 GPA. If you still have not figured out who I am talking about, worry no more. I am speaking of Mr. NSU, William Broussard.

I am addressing Mr. Broussard for a special reason this week. On Saturday during the homecoming game, Burger King Franchisee Joe Clements and university president Randall J. Webb will honor him for receiving a Division I-AA College Football Scholar Athlete Honor from the Burger King Corporation.

With this honor, the Burger King Corporation will donate $10,000 in Broussard's name to the university's general scholarship fund.

This award will honor the academic and athletic achievements of Broussard, as well as, his community service activities.

In fact, the Burger King Corporation established the college football scholarship program to foster the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence, while encouraging social awareness and community involvement.

By the end of this season, the five-year-old program will have contributed $5.3 million to colleges and universities in recognition of the educational, athletic and community achievements of numerous players.

Broussard has definitely lived up to these requirements. Aside from playing football and getting excellent grades, Broussard is the president of the NSU Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He is also a "Demon Deacon" on the football team and an active member of Blue Key. As I mentioned before, his classmates elected him Mr. NSU earlier this semester.

Broussard has a tremendous amount of academic and athletic accomplishments. He was a 1998 GTE Academic All American Candidate, a 1998 GTE Academic All-District VI, a member of the Spring 1997 and '98 Athletic Honor Roll "Gold."

He also won a Southland Conference Commissioner's List Academic Award and made the 1999 Preseason First-Team All-American Sports network and 1999 Preseason First-Team All-Southland Football League.

"These athletes serve as outstanding role models of achievement in the classroom, on the football field and in their communities," says Richard Taylor, vice president, Marketing Services, Burger King Corporation. "We are proud to honor these young people who have truly applied themselves in school and still found the time to remain actively involved with helping others."

Burger King definitely honors them. This year the corporation will donate a sum of one million dollars to universities nationally. This is by far the single largest corporate commitment of its kind to the sport of college football. In just the past four years, Burger King has donated to the scholarship funds of 211 universities.

This year, they will add Northwestern State University to the growing list of academic excellence that takes place when ball players are in the classroom, rather than on the field.

Glass Seats

By: Lesa Thompson

Paul Gallico described hockey as a "fast body-contact game played by men with clubs in their hands and knives laced to their feet."

What could possibly be more entertaining? Yet some of you may be wondering what hockey has to do with NSU, so allow me to expound:

We sit here in this, the metropolitan capital of Northwest Louisiana (not!), and we hunger for things to do with that mass of spare time between mid-terms and finals. As appealing as yet another drunken weekend may be to some of you, there are still others who look for something a bit less passé' to do with their valuable time.

My recommendation: take in a hockey game! It's fast-paced, fun to watch, and full of nonstop excitement. On top of that, we live in a state that hosts seven teams in two different leagues, the Western Professional and East Coast Hockey Leagues, so the sport is definitely not in short supply with an ample supply of ice to go around.

Sportswriter Gerry Callahan called hockey an "entertaining form of chaos, encased in glass and barely controlled."

Hockey is that, indeed, but it is also so much more. It's a physically challenging game played by men and women whose sole purpose in life is to either guard their own goal or score in their opponents'. It takes speed, finesse, skill, and hours upon years of practice to perfect the art of passing, shooting, or stopping the puck.

If you're considering possibly watching a game but first want to get a good understanding of the basics a fine place to start is with the National Hockey League's Hockey for Dummies from IDG Books. It's easy to read and contains everything from the history and rules of the game to past and present superstars of the sport.

To find an upcoming game in the area, visit the website of the Alexandria Warthogs (warthogshockey.com) or the Shreveport Mudbugs (mudbugshockey.com). Go to a game, and you'll get hooked on hockey!

Thanks for reading, and I'll see ya' on the glass!

*Coming up next week: an interview with Warthog Jay Mazur, formerly of the NHL's Vancouver Canucks.

photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior wide receiver Chris Pritchett gets stopped at the four-yard line as the Demons lost 20-17. The Northwestern State Demons will be in action this week as they take on the Southwest Texas State Bobcats. Kickoff is set for 11 a.m.

1999 Homecoming Activities & Block Party

Monday 10/25

Blood Drive
In Front of the Union 10am - 3pm

Laser Tag
Tag You're It
In the Union 11am-3pm

Homecoming Hunnie & Lip Sync Contests
In the Student Union Ballroom 7-10pm

Tuesday 10/26

Blood Drive
In Front of the Union 10am - 3pm

Interactive Video
Hey now... You're a Rock Star!
Make your own music video!
In the Student Union 11am-3pm

Abbey Road Concert-
Come Shag with this 60s band, baby!!!
In the Alley (Student Union) 8pm-10pm

Wednesday 10/27

Blood Drive
In Front of the Union 10am - 3pm

Photo Buttons-
Picture it!!
Take home your own Homecoming Button!
In the Student Union 11am-3pm

IM Fun Run & BBQ
Free T-shirts and prizes! Free BBQ for everone!!
Sign up for the Fun Run at the IM Bldg.
Run starts @ 4:30- BBQ after!

Thursday 10/28

BLOOD DRIVE
IN FRONT OF THE UNION 10AM - 3PM

Car Painting-
Show your Demon Pride!!!
In front of the Student Union 11am-3pm.

Drive In Movie-
BLAIR WITCH PROJECT
8pm at Turpin Stadium- Bring your blanket!!!

Friday 10/29

HOMECOMING PARADE
Starts at 5pm and goes to the River Front

PEP RALLY
Find out the Banner and Float Contest Winners!!! Cash prizes will be awarded! On the River Front (downtown) following the parade.

Demons Come Out at Night
Homecoming Bonfire!
Across from Sabine Hall below Greek Hill at 10pm.

Saturday 10/30

HOMECOMING GAME
Come Show Your Demon Spirit!!!
11am Turpin Stadium

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Goodwin posts 101st win as Demons pound Southwest Texas, 36-21

Cade Brumley
Sauce Reporter

NSU head football coach Sam Goodwin becomes the winningest coach in school history as his Demons overcome a halftime deficit to beat the Southwest Texas Bobcats 36-21 in a Demon homecoming.

The Bobcats drew first blood, as senior Darrick Vaughn returned a 31-yard March Holmes punt for 52-yards into the end zone with just over a minute elapsed in the first quarter.

Then, NSU quarterback Brad Spangler was intercepted by defensive back Kendall Jones, who brought the ball 44-yards in for the Bobcat score with 12:51 remaining in the first quarter.

The Demons were down 14-0 and the defense still had not been on the field.

"We have had some trouble on punt coverage. On the pass intercepted, we had called for a slant and Pritchett signaled for a fake. That is the second time that has happened to us causing a critical error," said Goodwin.

The first Demon score came off a 1-yard Tony Taylor rush with 6:22 remaining in the first quarter. Taylor gained 218 net yards off 36 carries for the game, giving him the sixth best single game performance in NSU history. Taylor became the sixth player in Demon history to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season. Also, Taylor holds the sixth place spot for a single season, with 1,029 yards.

"Tony (Taylor) gives us the dancing" said Goodwin.

"I thought they ran the ball really well today. I was a little surprised how well they did. They showed they were more physical than us today," Southwest Texas head coach Bob Debesse said.

The Bobcats struck back with 3:12 left in the first quarter via a 20-yard hook-up between quarterback Spergon Wynn and wide receiver Tyrone Darden.

Wynn threw for 95-yards off 25 attempts during the Bobcat loss.

NSU scored again for the last points of the first quarter with 2:53 remaining. Taylor eluded Bobcat defenders, as he darted for the 80-yard score.

"I was just trying to make a play," stated Taylor.

With a second quarter scoring drought for both teams, Southwest Texas took a 21-12 lead into the half.

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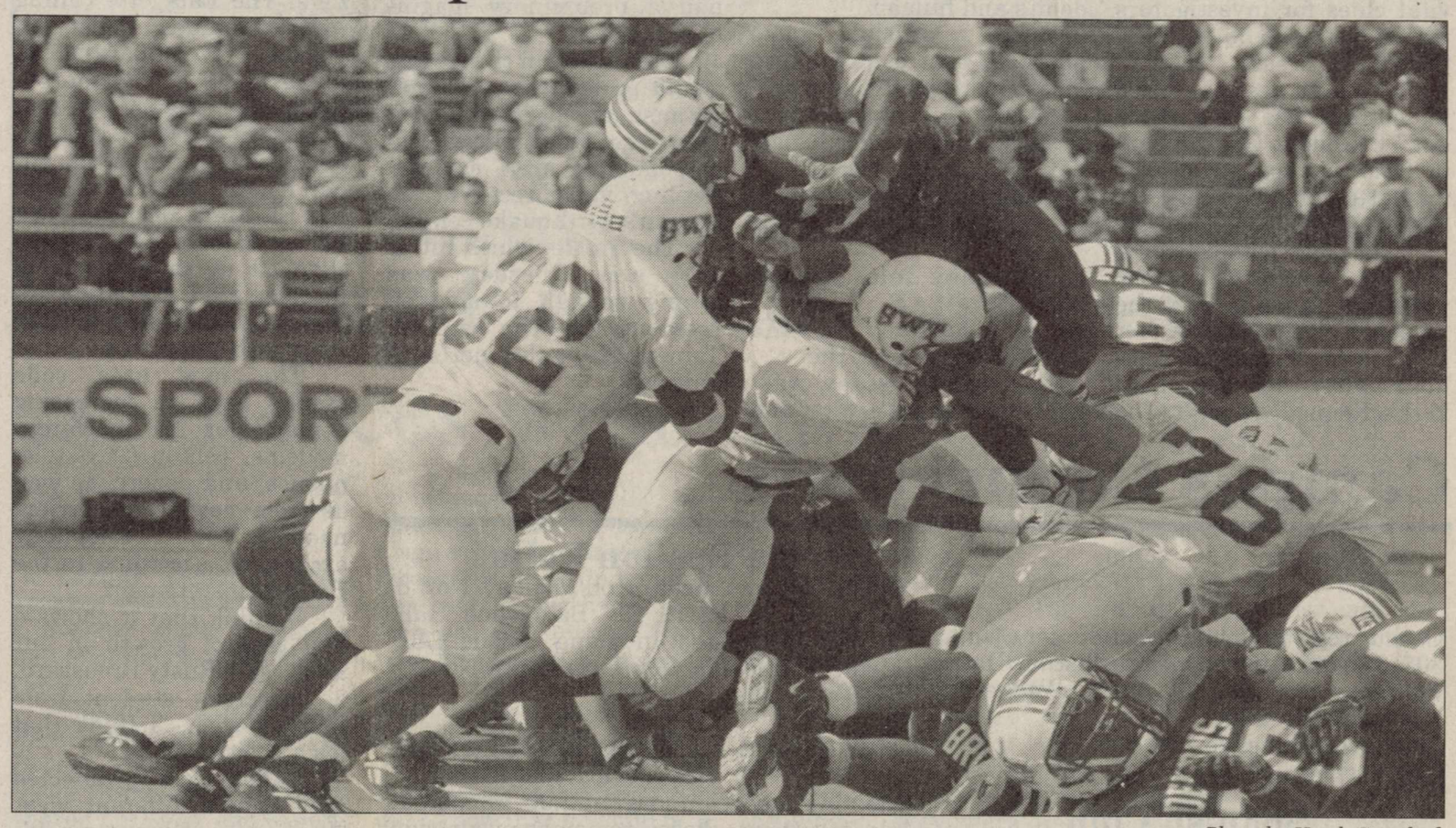

Photo by Heath Crawford

Demon tailback Tony Taylor is stopped short of the goal line on the above play but it was no matter as he gained 218 yards on 36 carries to lead the team to their third win of the season and second in the Southland Football League.

Schroeder featured as part of Distinguished Lecture Series

Lacy Chism
Sauce Reporter

As part of the Distinguished Lecture Series and Northwestern's celebration of the millennium, Patricia Schroeder spoke on "Books and Their Future" yesterday at A. A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Shawn Hornsby, editor of the Current Sauce, opened this edition of the 30 year series by stating some of Scroeder's past accomplishments.

Schroeder attended Harvard Law School and served in the United States Congress for 24 years. She has served 12 years as a representative of Colorado's first Congressional District.

In addition to this, she was the first woman to serve on the House of Representatives' Armed Forces Committee and she is a well-known womens' advocate. Schroeder has also been recently elected president of the Association of American Publishers, a publishers' trading union. Despite her busy schedule, she is also a wife and mother.

Schroeder spoke about the importance of publishers in today's society and our future. She stated it is a 20 billion dollar industry and is growing everyday.

However, according to Schroeder, the American public does not realize the importance of the English language and texts printed in English.

She stated that 85% of the internet is in English, and that English is what other people in the world want, including everything from textbooks to popular fiction. Schroeder also said this fact will affect what occupations are going to be in demand in the next century.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Former U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder speaks to students Monday as part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series and Celebration of the Millennium.

"Jobs that are going to be in demand in the next century are the ones where you add value with your mind, not your hands, and these are going to be areas that pertain to our culture," said Schroeder on occupations of the future.

Schroeder also spoke on intellectual property and how copyrighting such property is essential for the protection of the American people who legally own the property. This property includes texts and other written materials that are posted on the Internet and other electronic sources of information.

Schroeder addressed the protection of our domestic publishing houses. She voiced concern for the foreign overtaking of American publishers, and how she believes this could be damaging not only to our economy but to our culture, as well.

Schroeder stated how books have become an essential part of a child's "diet," that they are "brainfood" according to several studies. These studies state that children should be read to constantly, and Schroeder emphasized this issue.

Women's issues were also addressed during Schroeder's lecture. She spoke about how she is going to continue advocating women's issues and how things for women have changed for the better. Schroeder stated some of the history of Seneca Falls, NY, where women first demanded the right to vote, and how it was the publishing of letters and articles that breached the diversity gap of the people present that day.

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Schroeder Q & A focused on politics

Heath Crawford
Sauce Reporter

Former Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder's speech may have been about the future of books, but when it came time for questions and answer, it was all politics.

Schroeder said that most of us have tuned out politics and we lack optimism.

"We say that we don't like the people who are running but we always plant our little feet and say, 'Well, I'd never do that,'" Schroeder said. "Somehow we have to realize that we are part of the problem if we're refusing to do it."

Schroeder's main focus was towards the current presidential race. She said that fundraising, not primaries, are the reason for the recent withdrawals of four candidates.

"I think the tragedy is four people have now gotten out and the citizens haven't cast the first ballot," Schroeder said. "What that means is the real primary is the money stakes. We're going to find out those real primaries didn't count for anything. What counted ahead of time was the fundraising."

Schroeder shared her thoughts about the candidates still in the running for the upcoming presidential election beginning with Al Gore.

"I think the next few months are a real challenge for Gore to see if he's really gotten his 'wind' after some stumbles in the beginning," Schroeder said.

Schroeder feels George W. Bush has made some mistakes and must rectify them quickly.

"He has raised so much money ... it's unbelievable," Schroeder said. "He's made some serious mistakes by not understanding other countries and such. If Bush doesn't start participating more in things other than fund-raisers ... 13 months is how long he has to keep this thing going."

Several different concerns come to mind for Schroeder concerning Donald Trump.

"He's not real keen on people," Schroeder said. "The idea that he won't shake hands ... we were laughing about how you'd always know where he was because of the trail of wet naps."

Schroeder isn't sure if Trump realizes what the average person's life is like. She says college costs and healthcare have never been an issue with Trump.

Schroeder feels Pat Buchanan is a dangerous person.

"When you meet him, you would like him very much," Schroeder said. "Then, all of a sudden, he writes these books and you get a window into what he's really thinking: What does he mean Hitler was a nice guy?"

After serving in Congress for 24 years, Schroeder has decided not to reenter politics at this point. She said that younger people should be more involved.

"I still think the young should be taking over much more," Schroeder said. "The one thing I always thought was the biggest problem in Congress was too many people stay too long."

Blue Key 40th anniversary banquet a success

Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

Blue Key National Honor Fraternity celebrated their 40th anniversary following the Homecoming game on Saturday in the Cane River Room in the Friedman Student Union.

President of Blue Key, Tim Long, presented plaques to Dean of Men, Leonard O. Nichols, the founding advisor of Blue Key in 1959 and to Dudley G. Fulton, founder of the first Blue Key Honor Fraternity on campus. Long presented the first pen of the charter to Ms. Scott, the wife of the late Mr. Eugene W. Scott, Jr., who was the first Chapter president. Long also presented certificates to new initiates.

"We had past and present faculty return, which made it nice. The support we had was overwhelming."

Tim Long
President,
Blue Key

Long concluded the anniversary celebration by saying," Blue Key Honor Fraternity is very well established here at Northwestern as by the people who are here today."

Fulton was very happy about the reunion of Blue Key.

"I think it's great," said Fulton. "Blue Key has been a great group here on campus."

Rusty Broussard, vice president of Blue Key, thought the reunion of past and present Bleu Key members was a "great bonding experience to meet with the members from the past."

"I was glad Dean Fulton was able to make it because he was one of our founding members," said Broussard. "It was nice to look back on our past and start looking towards our future."

Long thought the event was very successful.

"We had past and present faculty return which made it nice," said Long. "The support we had was overwhelming."

NEWS

News Briefs

Coast Guard gives up hope of finding survivors in EgyptAir crash.

Coast Guard search crews have given up hope of finding anyone alive today from EgyptAir Flight 990 but found a large piece of wreckage and detected a signal believed to be from one of the plane's ``black boxes.''

If Navy divers can retrieve the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder from the Atlantic ocean floor off Nantucket, the devices could provide vital clues for investigators who as yet have no explanation for the crash.

``Nothing has been ruled in, nothing has been ruled out,'' President Clinton said in Oslo, Norway, where he was attending Middle East peace talks.

The Cairo-bound Boeing 767 was carrying 217 people when it plunged into the Atlantic from 33,000 feet high early Sunday, a half-hour after leaving New York's Kennedy Airport. The plane went down without a distress call or any other indication of trouble from the pilots.

Among the passengers were about 30 Egyptian military officers, mostly pilots who had been training in the United States, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. The passengers also included 106 Americans, including 54 people bound for a two-week trip to Egypt and the Nile.

The Coast Guard, fearing bad weather on Tuesday, stepped up its search for debris and human remains. Officials also admitted that a new phase of the operation had begun.

``It is in everyone's best interest to no longer expect we will find survivors,'' Larrabee said.

Earthquake Jolts Taiwan

An earthquake off Taiwan's eastern coast shook the island early Tuesday, waking people in the capital and knocking objects off shelves.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, seismologists said.

The quake, with a magnitude of between 6.0 and 6.5, was centered in the Pacific Ocean about 45 miles north-northeast of Taitung, said Waverly Person, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo.

Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau, which uses a different scale to measure earthquakes, said the quake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.9.

Damage from the tremor would probably be minimal because its epicenter was in the ocean, far from a densely populated area, said Lu Pei-ling, vice director of the bureau's earthquake center.

The quake, which hit at 1:53 a.m. Tuesday, was strong enough to awaken residents in the capital, Taipei, 120 miles north of Taitung.

Louisiana receives new area code

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

An increasing demand for telephone numbers has forced BellSouth to issue a new area code for the Lafayette area.

According to a statement from BellSouth, callers can use the 318 area code or the new 337 area code until July 10, 2000. At that time callers must use the 337 area code.

The new 337 area code affects the Lafayette calling zone. The Lafayette calling zone includes most of Vernon, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Allen, Evangeline, Acadia, Vermilion, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, Iberia, and St. Mary parishes. The 337 area code will also be changed in small parts of Rapides and Natchitoches parishes, according to the BellSouth statement.

The new area code results from an increasing demand for fax machines, modems, cellular/PCS telephones, and pagers, as well as from new local carriers needing telephone exchanges, according to the BellSouth statement.

"I think that it shows a real sign of growth in our area," said Rusty Broussard, a University student from Iberia Parish. "I think that it's a positive thing."

Others from the affected area hold a different view. "It doesn't really matter. It's just a damn number," said Vanessa Byrd, another University student from Iberia Parish.

BellSouth provides a transition period to help callers make the switch to the new area code, said Herchel Abbott, the president of Louisiana operations for BellSouth.

"It does take time to adjust to a new area code. If customers begin using 337 now, it'll be second nature when the use of the new area code becomes mandatory," said Abbott. "The industry and the Louisiana Public Service Commission are providing customers with nearly a nine-month transition period.

During that time, we know that customers will have questions, and we'll be here to help."

For more information, questions, or comments concerning the new area code, contact BellSouth's Area Code Response Center at 1-800-964-7941 or http://www.bellsouth.com/areacode.

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SHE DOES
Homecoming Queen Angelique Duhon and Vic the Demon imposter, Kenny LeBaron, gave the crowd something to talk about when he proposed to her between the third and fourth quarters of Saturday's game.

Campus Connections

CCS
Census register Job location Student Union 305 357-5621 Census/Jobs: Testing Dates: Thursday Oct. 28 3:00 - 4:30, Wednesday Nov. 17 3:00 - 4:30
Must pre-register to take test.

Spanish Club
Meetings at 3 p.m. every Friday in room 333 of Kyser Hall.

Sigma Tau Delta
The English honor society will meet a 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, in the Cane River Room, NSU Student Union. English and related majors are encouraged to attend.

Mu Epsilon Delta
There will be a meeting on Monday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. in Room 107 Bienvenue Hall. Anyone interested in going to the LSU Medical School in New Orleans on Nov. 19 need to attend.

Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E)
Meeting time Thursday at 4:00. Members please attend. Please remember your sign up times for the Phone-a-thon.

Freshman Connection
Applications are now available for Freshman Connector and Junior Connector positions. Applications are available in the Office of New Student Programs in room 103 of the Student Union. Deadline for submitting an application is Friday, November 5, at noon.

Free CD of cool indie music when you register at mybytes.com, the ultimate website for your college needs.

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING CLASSES BEGINS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10. STUDENTS NEED TO GO BY THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AND PICK UP A NEWSPAPER WITH THE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES. STUDENTS NEED TO SPEAK WITH THEIR ADVISER PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR CLASSES.

The 99-00 Argus art and literature contest is now open. You can find a submission form in this issue of the Sauce. Submissions should be put in the mailbox on the Argus office door in the second floor lobby of Boozman Dorm (across the street from Russel Hall). Unless you submit your work on a disk (word 97 or higher), you will need to submit 5 copies of each submission. Disks will be returned after the 3rd week of next semester. A completed submission form must accompany each submission, including those that are submitted on disk. You may submit works in any or all of the submission categories. Prizes will be awarded for 1st ($100), 2nd ($75), and 3rd place ($50) in fiction, non-fiction, art, poetry, and playwriting. First and 2nd place prizes will also be awarded for cover art. Playwriting submissions should be limited to one act, 5-minute pieces. Cover art should have a peacock, peacock feather(s) or an eye or eyes prominent in the work. Natchitoches residents and NSU faculty and staff may also submit their works for publication. However, there will be no monetary award for these submissions. Submissions will be judges by NSU faculty members. There should be no identification on the works themselves; this is to keep the judging process fair. Winning submissions may be showcased at the first annual Demon art and literature festival toward the end of next semester. At the festival, contestants will have a chance to present, read, and explain their works to people attending the event. We are open to any ideas on how to make Argus better for you. Any questions or comments should be addressed to Argus_magazine@hotmail.com. Faculty members that would be interested in judging submissions should contact us at the same address.

99-00 Argus submission form

Name _____ Pen name (if applicable) _____
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Classification (circle one): NSU student, faculty, resident

Please indicate the category of your submission:
Art Fiction Non-fiction Poetry Cover-art Playwriting

Please tell us a little bit about yourself (this information will appear in the contributor's notes if your work is published)
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Do you have any ideas on how to improve Argus or anything you would like to see us do in the future?
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Please return this completed form with 5 copies of your work (art and cover-art only require one copy) or your work saved on disk (Microsoft Word 97 or higher) to the Argus office in the second floor lobby of Boozman dorm across the street from Russel Hall. Thanks and good luck!!!!

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University departments combine to sponsor Breast Cancer Awareness Forum

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

A Breast Cancer Awareness Forum was held last Tuesday to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Health and Human Performance department, the Psychology department, the NSU Foundation, and Student Support Services, sponsored the forum. Virginia Cecchini, instructor in Psychology, Tara Gallien, instructor in Health and Human Performance, Dr. George Merriman II, doctor of Oncology at the Surgical Specialists in Shreveport and the First Lady of the University, Brenda Webb are those who spoke at the forum.

"This is a time to really consider your needs," said Cecchini. "You should know the information in different stages. Facing the cancer with the family can make it easier. It may be difficult to reach out to their family, though."

Cecchini said that it is important for patients to keep a positive attitude. This can be a better predictor of how you cope with the cancer than the severity of the disease.

This can also be called a self-fulfilling prophecy. This means that a person's self image can effect their attitudes and beliefs about life.

Cecchini said that patients need to work through their self-image and realize that there's more to attractiveness than just the body. One way of doing this is to re-establish their goals. They may not feel that they can reach their goal in time, so they will do nothing.

The patients need to re-establish their previous goals for their lives and go through with them no matter what.

Gallien spoke more on the power of prevention of cancer. She said that a people should shift from disease thinking to prevention thinking.

The focus is prevention. Gallien listed several objectives. One is to identify risk factors and the other is to identify the steps to reduce the number of risk factors. Gallien said that less than four percent of women will die from breast cancer and the cancer doesn't happen just like that; it occurs over a period of time. Gallien stressed that knowledge is power.

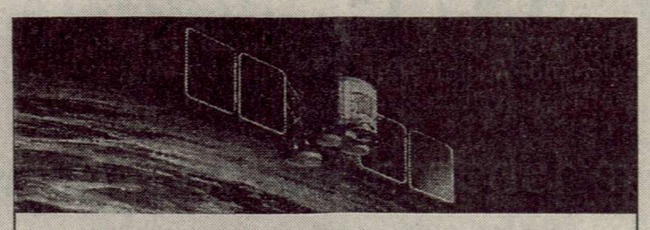
She said that not all risk factors are equal. Some things you can't change are being a woman, age (most over 50), race (whites more than any others), inherited genetic risks and familial breast cancer (risk goes up). Five to 10 percent of women get breast cancer because of inherited genetic risks.

Gallien said that some factors women can control are when they have children (greater risk if after 30), using oral contraceptives, smoking, Estrogen Replacement Therapy (ERT), high fat diets and alcohol consumption, especially if they consume more than two to five glasses per day. Gallien said knowing your family history and getting regular screenings can help prevent the risk.

"You should give yourself self-breast exams once every month if over 20 years old. You should also get a clinical breast exam every year if over the age of 40 and once every three years for ages 20-39. You should get a mammogram every year if over 40," Gallien said.

Merriman showed a slide on breast cancer that included risk factors, prevention and treatments.

"A lump could show up one day and then go away the next. If it does, you shouldn't worry about that. A patient can get a mammogram or an ultrasound. A mammogram is the only true screening study. An ultrasound will help distinguish if the lump is solid or fluid-filled," Merriman said.



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University First Lady shares cancer experiences with students at forum

Amy E. Lambre
Contributing Writer

Brenda Webb, keynote speaker and first lady of the University, spoke out about her experience with breast cancer.

The University's Panhellenic Order observed Breast Cancer Awareness Week Oct. 25-29. Webb shared her story and experience with students in hopes of raising awareness and knowledge about this disease that does not discriminate.

Webb speaks to all of us as a survivor. She was diagnosed with breast cancer 14 months ago and felt like her diagnosis was a blessing in disguise. Her cancer was discovered after undergoing an exam for elective surgery for a breast reduction. Webb was faithful with mammograms, yearly checkups and visits and especially self exams.

"When I decided to have the breast reduction, little did I know that it would be a life saving experience," Webb said.

After six months of chemotherapy and thirty radiation treatments, there were many personal challenges for Webb. She was very sensitive to the drugs that were supposed to keep her from getting sick from the chemotherapy.

She decided that she could tolerate the chemotherapy and went on battling the cancer. Other challenges included losing a breast, the losing of all her hair including her eyelashes and eyebrows.

"Although these were challenges, they were not things that I could not work through," Webb said.

Cancer is an uncomfortable subject for most people. Some of the terms that people associate with cancer is how terrifying, tragic and devastating it is. There are many positive developments in the treatment of cancer today. Attitude is important, along with proper care and nutrition, exercise, relaxation, setting goals and self talk.

"It was a difficult process, but I always knew I could and would survive," Webb said.

A few facts about breast cancer are that most women and men will never get breast cancer. Statistics show 1-8 will if you live to be 85. Seventy percent of women who get breast cancer do not die from it.

SPEAKER: Schroeder speaks on books and their future

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When asked about the distance between women and politicians and young people and politicians, she felt both sides were at fault.

"Politicians need to listen more intently to women and young people, and these groups need to vote to let the politicians know what they want. I have always believed there are two kinds of people: the type to wring their hands and the type to roll up their shirt sleeves. The American people need to stop wringing their hands and start rolling up their shirt sleeves if they want anything to change."

The lecture was followed by a question and answer session and then a brief press conference. Schroeder addressed questions ranging from Donald Trump to Elizabeth Dole. Overall, the lecture was perceived as a success.

"I thought it was a rather interesting lecture," said Mary Brocato, a teacher here at the University

"The lecture hit some very interesting points, especially the ones about women's issues," said Natocha Ritter, a freshman at the Scholars' College and English education major.

Five University alumni inducted into Long Purple Line during Homecoming

Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

Five Northwestern alumni were inducted into the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, during Homecoming Activities on Oct. 30.

Dr. Thomas Hennigan, George Stanley Lewis, Daniel Lee Chase, the late Leonard O. Nichols and the late Mavis Pate will be added to the Long Purple Line for their dedication to NSU and their dedication to their communities.

Hennigan is a 1952 graduate of Northwestern. During his time at NSU, he accomplished a number of tasks. Hennigan organized NSU's photographic production services, began the audio visual center on campus, designed, installed and operated NSU's first closed-circuit television in 1960.

Hennigan received his master's degree in education from the University of Missouri and his doctorate in audio-visual communications, television education from Indiana University in 1968.

Hennigan was an instructor of audio-visual education. He, for 14 years, was the director of the audio-visual center at NSU. He also served as the head of the Department of Educational Media and head of the Department of Secondary Education. After retiring in 1984, Hennigan was an adjunct professor in instructional technology here at NSU.

Hennigan is involved in a variety of things in the community. He is serving as a charter, past-president and historian of the Marthaville Heritage Society, past-president of the Natchitoches Lion's Club and a life time member of the Louisiana Lions' League for Crippled Children.

Lewis is a 1956 graduate of Grambling State University. He earned his bachelor's degree from Grambling and his master's degree from NSU in outdoor education in 1972.

Lewis has given 34 years to the Louisiana School System, teacher at North Natchitoches Elementary School, coordinator of health and physical fitness, teacher and coach at St. Matthew High School, Chapter I and supervisor of special services.

In the community, Lewis has served as chairman of the Martin Luther King Recreation and Community Center, former Sunday School superintendent and director of Baptist training union at First Baptist Church, North Street, member of the Natchitoches Parish Voters and Civic League and former manager of the summer day care program at North Natchitoches Elementary School.

Lewis is also a member of the International Council for Exceptional Children, the board of directors of G. Stanley Lewis Louisiana Special Education Scholarship Inc., member of the Louisiana Educators and member of Phi Deeta Kappa.

Chase is a 1957 NSU graduate. He earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education and mathematics.

While coaching at Vidalia High School for seven years, Chase earned his master's degree in educational administration from Northeast Louisiana University. He continued to receive his doctorate in educational administration and taught in the Louisiana public school system for 20 years.

In 1969, Chase started a plastic manufacturing business in his garage, which now employs more than 100 people and was the first to develop and distribute manikins. His company manufactures manikins for the taxidermy industry.

Chase developed video instruction programs for beginning and advanced taxidermy. He developed the "quick tan system" for animal skins. Chase also developed a successful process for duplicating trophy horns and antlers.

Chase has been involved in the National Wildlife Federation and Ducks Unlimited, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for Greater Baton Rouge, the National Taxidermy Association and the Detox Board of Greater Baton Rouge. He is a member of the Graduate "N" Club, the NSU Alumni Association and the NSU Athletic Association.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Inductees for NSU's Long Purple Line were honored Friday during the University's Alumni banquet.

Nichols is a 1946 NSU graduate. He earned his master's degree form Louisiana State University in 1947. At NSU, Nichols served as assistant dean of men and was promoted to the dean of men in 1963. He was active in the professional education fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa, taught social sciences, monitor in the Student Personnel Services graduate program and a practicum supervisor.

Nichols helped to establish and advise the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity on campus. He was instrumental in organizing the alumni chapter of Blue Key which was the first official Blue Key alumni chapter in the nation. Because of his contributions to Blue Key, NSU established the Dean Nichols Award in 1972.

Nichols also served as principal of Graywood Christian School in Shreveport, admissions counselor of Louisiana College and the first principal of the Natchitoches Academy.

Mavis Pate was a 1952 NSU graduate. She was one of the first to earn a bachelor of science in nursing from Northwestern State College.

Pate served as the operating room supervisor for the SS Hope's maiden voyage to southeast Asia in 1960. She was on the 22 nurses to participate in Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere).

In 1972, while in the Middle East, Pate was traveling to Tel Aviv to pick up medical supplies and was shot by Arab guerrillas. Pate died five hours later in Central Negev Hospital in Beersheba.

Because of her dedication in the field of nursing, NSU established a scholarship in her memory.

FEATURES

MY SIDE

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
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Since arriving at Northwestern, I have made a habit of taking classes not required for my major, but are instead subjects of great interest to me.

Therefore, in keeping with my tradition, I enrolled in world religions, Philosophy 1020, which covers religions from around the globe and extensively covers the more populated religions, such as Buddhism, Islam and Christianity.

My father, whom I consider an extremely intelligent, spiritual person, has become a very educated man on a variety of religions, and in doing so has stressed the importance of remaining open-minded. Therefore, in learning of religions unfamiliar to my own, I have continuously kept an open mind and accepted all beliefs of others with respect.

I remain astounded that, in an era of constant scientific discoveries, technological advancements and "new-age" thinking, our society remains fixated on the age-old issue of religion. This is evident in, of all places, my religion class.

Last week, my class had the honor of listening to a truly amazing man, Rabbi Arnold Task of the Congregation Gemiluth Chassodim of Alexandria. Rabbi Task spoke extensively on Jewish holidays, their history and at length on their opinions of Jesus.

He humorously commented that Jews wrote the Old Testament about Jewish stories and in turn gave the book to Jews to edit, but that many Christians insist that their beliefs on the *Bible* are correct, not the Jewish belief.

Although my beliefs do not coincide with his, I remained interested and open-minded throughout the lecture. I accepted his opinions as being his beliefs and that of his people, and did not condemn him for having convictions other than mine.

I was also quick to discover that not everyone is, or can be, so generous.

At one point during Rabbi Task's lecture, he spoke about the Southern Baptist Convention's recent announcement urging other Baptists to pray for Jews during Rosh Hashana, the beginning of Jewish High Holy Days. In the speech, the SBC encouraged Baptists to pray for Jews, specifically for them to convert to Christianity.

Twenty years ago the president of SBC, the Rev.. Bailey Smith, made a similar statement, saying "God does not hear the prayers of a Jew."

Although the former president later retracted his statement and apologized, one can not help but wonder if these beliefs are commonly thought among this particular faith. Likewise, are these beliefs encouraged among children?

In a recent article in the *Alexandria Daily Town Talk*, the Rev. Rick Henson of First Baptist Church of Lecompte defended the SBC announcement by saying that the SBC is bringing the word to all non-Christian religions, and are not simply singling out Jews.

On Monday, my class had another guest lecturer, who spoke about the Synoptic Gospels, *Matthew*, *Mark* and *Luke*. The speaker presented the lecture from a purely scholarly perspective.

For example, she described how scholars have come to believe that the Gospels were not written by disciples of Jesus, but, instead, were composed several generations later.

Many scholars now believe, for example, that the Gospel of *Mark* was written between 65 and 70 C.E. (common era). They also believe the four gospels were not collected until 125 C.E., years after the disciples' deaths.

She presented evidence to support her claims, which are widely believed by most theologians and scholars.

However, in both Monday's and last week's lecture, several students remained obstinate and vocalized their beliefs to the contrary. They continuously asserted that they believed something other than the lecturer and could not accept otherwise.

I ask myself why a student, such as those mentioned, would enroll in a class such as world religions.

Why would such a student, who remains stubbornly closed-minded, bother taking a class where he would be faced with beliefs other than his own?

Religion is a subject of concern for many people.

Wars have been fought in the name of gods. Countries have separated over differences in religion.

Even Natchitoches seems unable to escape the conflicts of religion.

I am not attempting to persuade anyone to convert to another religion. Instead, I hope to encourage those who would follow the advice of the SBC to recognize and, more importantly, respect other religions.

One last sobering thought: In 1995, Protestants made up 466,397,000 of the world's population. Roman Catholics made up 968,025,000.

Non-Christians totaled 3,788,472,000 of the world's population.

Would you tell three billion people they are wrong?

If you have a comment concerning the above opinion, please e-mail *The Current Sauce* at currentsauce@alpha.nsula.edu

What's for supper?

College students discuss their quirky eating habits

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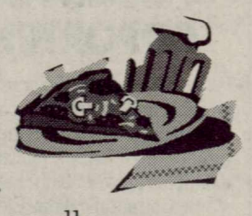


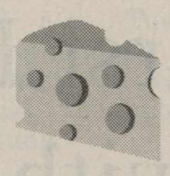
Just how strange can you eat?

College kids are known for eating cheap foods like Ramen noodles and Wal--Mart's "Great Value" products. But what other kinds of things do they eat that are unusual?

"I like to eat tuna, mayonnaise and grapes together on Triscuits," junior Leah Toups said.

"I like to eat any kind of ice cream with chocolate syrup, Cool Whip, nuts, peanut butter and cereal," junior Kerry Garrigan said. "One day in my abnormal psychology class, we all had to stand up and tell something about ourselves. Most of us just said what foods we like to eat. This one person said they liked to eat crackers with pickle juice."

International students bring a certain flair to otherwise boring dishes.



"In my country [Argentina], there is a dish called tarta de queso," Constanza Romero-Decono, a senior international student, said. "It is made with a pie crust filled with onions, several cheeses, ham, oregano, tomatoes and cut-up hot dogs. Then you put a crust on top and put sugar on top of that."

American students, on the other hand, tend to stick to the basics, mixing different ingredients to give the old classic, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a new taste.

Junior Nathan Collier said, "I like peanut butter and honey sandwiches."

Tasha Jackson, junior, enjoys eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with any kind of chips mixed in the batter.

"My cousin at NLU likes peanut butter and pickle sandwiches," junior Miranda Coon said.

Senior Reade Machen likes to eat peanut butter and cheese sandwiches.

Other students devise new recipes for those midnight cravings and to soothe a sweet tooth.

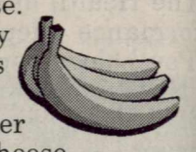
Monica Whitfield, junior, said she likes to eat ginger snaps with sliced cheese on it.

Sophomore Laura Wimberly said, "I have a friend that likes to eat black-eyed peas with mayonnaise."

"I like french fries and yogurt," sophomore Allissa Ohmer said.

"I like to eat ice cream and chips," senior Andre Williams said. "I also like to eat bananas with cheese."

Junior Angela McCorkle likes to eat crumpled up pieces of brownies into her macaroni and cheese.



Another popular addition to many college students' diets is french fries dipped in anything but ketchup.

Jennifer Griffin, senior, soothes her cravings with french fries dipped in cheese and mayonnaise.

Crystal Bergeron, junior, likes to eat french fries with chocolate ice cream.

"I like dipping french fries in ice cream or in shakes," junior Deanna Myers said.

Myers doesn't leave out the ketchup, though.

"I also put ketchup on my macaroni and cheese," she said.

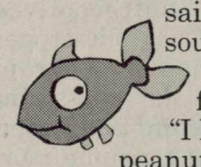
Other students toss out the pop-tarts and opt for a newer, more diverse breakfast.

"I like to make a waffle then cook a fried egg to put on top with butter and syrup," senior Joanna Mayes said.

Here's just a few really gross, weird ones.

Freshman Andrea Engfurtner likes dipping pork chops in applesauce.

One junior student who wished to remain anonymous said she liked tuna with cream of mushroom soup.



Junior Amber Moreland likes to eat french fries with Wendy's Frostys.

"I like to eat English peas out of the can with peanut butter and crackers," sophomore Brooke Sledge, said.

And finally, the most unique kind of combination that tops them all is graduate student Lesa Thompson's creation.

She likes to eat grits and catfish.

After this little "experiment" I realized a lot of people seemed to like french fries and some type of ice cream. But for all of us out there that eat "weird or strange" foods, I just have one thing to say: Bon appetite!

Myrick's Merit

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Matthew Myrick, 24, is not your everyday senior at Northwestern State University. He is the cadet Battalion Commander of the University's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). He is also a triple-major in History, Anthropology and General Studies with a 3.5 grade-point-average.

"I'm glad that I'm getting this experience that I haven't had a chance to get before," Myrick said, regarding his duties as commander. He is responsible for supervising all the training events of Demon Battalion, like battle drills, land navigation, basic-rifle-marksmanship, and all garrison operations.

Myrick merited Battalion Commander because he earned the highest cadet accessions score of the University's 23 cadets.

The accessions score is a combination of the cadet's three years of performance here at the University and their five-week-long Advance Camp score.

Myrick is a Green to Gold cadet. Green to Gold is an ROTC program that, if qualified, allows regular enlisted Army personnel to terminate their enlistment, enroll in college and ROTC.

Prior to his enrollment at the University, Myrick served as a Sergeant at Fort Polk, La., with his wife Joy Myrick, who is also in the Green to Gold Program.

After Myrick graduates in the spring of the year 2000, he will be a commissioned officer. He said that he plans to go active duty in the field of Aviation.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre Program names Steel Magnolias cast

The joys and struggles of six strong women will be celebrated when the NSU Theatre presents Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias" Nov. 11-17 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Assistant Professor of Theatre Dr. Vicki Parrish will direct. The show was written by Harling, a Natchitoches native, and is set in the fictional town of Chinquapin, La. Steel Magnolias was made into a movie which was filmed in Natchitoches.

Members of the cast include Amy Lynne Houck of Ruston as Truvy, Dana Duhon of Abbeville as Annelle with Carin Link of Covington as her understudy, Amy Magourik of West Monroe as M'Lynn, Jenae Yerger of Dallas and Lindsay Hand of Natchitoches sharing the part of Shelby, Jena Westbrook of Broken Bow, Okla., as Clariee and Kayla LeMaire of Natchitoches as Ouiser.

Jessica Sondag of Lathrop, Mo., is assistant director. Link is the assistant to the director. Rebecca Foster of Winnfield is the stage manager and Natalie Ross of Baton Rouge is assistant stage manager.

"This play features six extraordinary women who are sensitive and tough in facing the worst that the world can subject them to," said Parrish. "They maintain a positive attitude based on a love for each other and deep understanding."

Parrish previously directed "Steel Magnolias" at NSU in 1989.

"The depth of the women will be depicted in the play," said Parrish. "Everything will occur in the beauty shop. There aren't any outside elements to take away from the women and how they deal with situations."

And with the amount of preparation the theatre department has done to prepare for opening night, there shouldn't be any outside elements to take away from the fantastic performances of the cast, either.

For instance, Dana Duhon prepared for months and tried out for five different parts in the play. The senior theatre major from Abbeville landed the role of Annelle, the once-shy hairdresser who begins to find herself while working in Truvy's beauty shop.

"There is a part of Annelle in everyone," said Duhon. "During the course of the play, she changes so much. She goes from someone who is quiet and doesn't know anyone to someone who can tell another person how she feels."

Duhon will have her own interpretation on Annelle which won't be influenced by Darryl Hannah's character in the film.

"It's exciting to be doing a play which everyone knows so well," said Duhon. "It adds some pressure, but that's OK. You are working with characters based on actual people. That's something I've never worked with before."

This is the first main character Duhon has played at NSU. She has been a regular in Northwestern productions, getting parts in "110 in the Shade," "The Children's Hour," "The Winter's Tale" and "Cinderella." Duhon worked behind the scenes operating the plants in "Little Shop of Horrors" and handling puppets in "Two by Two" and "Pippin."

"Having all those parts has prepared me for this role. I've learned from everything I've done," said Duhon. "This is such a wonderful play. All the parts are outstanding. All of us have had so much fun working together."

Tickets are still available for all showings of "Steel Magnolias." For ticket information call (318) 357-6891.

Student art exhibit opens today

Southwest '99, an art exhibition of watercolor, acrylic and oil landscape paintings, will run through Nov. 24 in the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery at Northwestern State University. Gallery hours are 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Works in the exhibit were created by participants in an art travel course to New Mexico and Colorado led last summer by Professor of Art Dr. Bill Bryant, a member of NSU's faculty for 23 years. Bryant began offering the travel courses in 1983.

He began staying at Ghost Ranch where artist Georgia O'Keefe lived and painted in New Mexico and since then has expanded to other areas.

This year, the group of students and practicing artists began the course at the Grace Art Museum in Abilene. After touring the four-story museum, the participants traveled to Carlsbad and Alamagordo and the white sands area.

The group spent four days at Ghost Ranch, three days in Chama, N.M. and five days in Buena Vista, Colo. While in Buena Vista, the class attended a reception hosted by former Natchitoches resident Sally Paschall, who also served as a guide for the daily painting excursions in the area. The group also painted at Paschall's family-owned ranch and in the mountain ghost town of St. Elmo, Colo.

The exhibition will include paintings, photographs and other memorabilia assembled by the class. Those exhibiting works are Jennifer Castagnetti of Metairie, Kathleen Hundley of Alexandria, Mandy Yeager, Barbara Dupree, Judy Horne and Bob Horne of Shreveport; Waldean Shaw, Marce Larche, Myrtle Powell, Jay Dunahoe, Alice Bryant and Bill Bryant of Natchitoches, Sandy DeCelle of Monroe, Stacy Lombardino of Bossier City and Nan Bland of Yoakum, Tx.

A closing reception will be held Nov. 24.

Writing workshops scheduled

The Northwestern State University Office of Continuing Education will offer classes that teach writing techniques for novels, short stories and screenplays on Nov. 3-5.

The classes will be taught by editor Michael Garrett.

"Screenwriting for Movies," will be taught on Wednesday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There is a $75 fee for the course. Participants will learn proper screenplay format, recommended screenplay development, how to contact an agent, writing dialogue and more.

On Thursday, "Writing a Novel that Sells," will be presented from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There is a $75 fee for the course. In the workshop, participants will be instructed on how to write a novel that publishers want.

Garrett will teach "Short Story and Novel Critique," on Nov. 4 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The fee for the course is $49. In the class, Garrett will evaluate manuscripts, explain why rejections were likely and teach how the problem can be corrected.

On Nov. 5, Garrett will teach "Creating a Novel from Scratch" from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The workshop will teach writing a novel outline, characters, appropriate viewpoint and structure. The fee is $75.

For more information on the classes or to sign up, call the Office of Continuing Education at (318) 357-5682.

Concert Tonight

The NSU Wind Ensemble will present its fall concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Magale Recital Hall.

Admission is free for NSU students and the public.

The program will include "Folk Song Suite" by Vaughn Williams, "Symphonic Movement" by Nelhybel, and other songs.

Jeff Mathews and Bill Brent will conduct.

The Fall Wind Ensemble is composed of both music and non-music majors. All members are also part of the "Spirit of Northwestern" Marching Band.

The Omega Code stacked with religious undertones, bad acting

Larry Collins
Sauce Reporter

The Omega Code was an experience that I will not soon forget. In fact, we often remember unpleasant experiences longer than we remember those that are favorable.

I must admit that I seem to be in the minority in my dislike of this cinematic charade. I would wage to guess that priests and pastors around the country assigned the viewing of this film as an extra credit assignment of sorts, because everytime the significance of God, or the evil nature of Satan was mentioned the unbelievably packed (a large crowd for 4 p.m.) audience broke into uncontrolled cheers and applause. It was like being at a midnight showing of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

The Omega Codes are a take on the Bible codes. Many theological scholars believe that God dictated the first five books of the Bible (the Torah) to Moses letter for letter, and that within those letters and words are a secret code. Moreover, when deciphered, this code tells the history of the world (past, present and future).

Because this film is so stacked with religious undertones, I feel that I should first accentuate the positive aspects of the film. This was one of the best apocalyptic attempts that I have ever seen on the silver screen. *Omega Code* was very reminiscent of 1991's *The Rapture* and was very well written. It seems as though the writers, Stephan Blinn and Hollis Barton, wrote directly from the Book of Revelations. I hurried home after the film to check out my copy of the Bible to verify the facts.

Their representations of the final days were wonderful and I was in awe of the ways that they interpreted ancient prophecy into the era in which we live. After leaving the theater the viewer looks at the world around them and realizes that the signs of the times are dropping like flies.

I was also impressed that he chose to have the bulk of the film take place in Jerusalem, which is the center of the Jewish religion and is a main component of the Holy Land. Stephen King chose to have the "New Jerusalem" in Las Vegas in his apocalyptic effort *The Stand*. This film used the ancient Hebrew writings and even actual foreign tongues with no subtitles. It was refreshing to see a film fight not to be "Americanized" as have many recent films.

I also applaud the vivid imagery used to spin this tale. I was speechless during the scenes when the religions of the world bowed down to worship the image of the antichrist. As they placed his photograph over the statues of Buddha and Jesus, I wondered just how far away we as a people are from this in our constant search for something to believe in.

What a truly phenomenal film this would have been if only it was better produced and acted.

Casper Van Dien was nothing more than laughable in this role. Dare I say that his acting in this film made his turn in *Starship Troopers* look like Marlon Brando in *The Godfather*? He tried extremely hard to fill this dramatic and challengingly subtle role. He may have tried hard, but still not hard enough, apparently. I do not fault him, but I fault the casting director, because this role was just too complicated for an unseasoned actor. After Brenden Fraiser's stint in *Gods and Monsters*, I would have chosen him for this role.

On a better note, Michael York was fantastic in the role of the antichrist figure Stone Alexander, and Catherine Oxford of *Dynasty* was great as the female foil for Van Dienís Gillen Lane.

The production of this film was simply atrocious. Even in industry whipping boy films such as *Phat Beach* and *Batman and Robin*, the audience was not able to see production equipment poking into the frames of the finished film. I counted at least seven times that a large boom microphone protruded into the frame inches from an actor's head. The money that was spent on Van Dien's salary and the special effects should have been spent on better production precautions.

Lastly, a viewer would have to be a Christian to appreciate this film. The Bible Codes on which this film is based were from the Torah, which is one of the main staples of the Jewish religion. They are a part of the Old Testament before the time of Christ. So many people of Jewish decent may be disappointed with the angle chosen for this story.

Christ as a savior is a concept that is shared by only a certain number of people. I, as a Christian grasp the undertones of Christ as a savior, but would understand how other religions (especially Jewish) would consider this a slap in the face.

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The following companies will be on campus to conduct interviews:

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EDITORIALS

You must care for more than the offensive

There has been a lot of controversy around campus this year. Most of it centered around the Natural Mystic story and the Tony the Lonely column.

I'm very glad these things were put in the Current Sauce. The reason is being.....student and community apathy. It seems that most people are too apethitic now. They could care less until something really upsets them. Only then are they motivated to take action. The fact that Natural Mystic opened at all bothered some people enough to encourage law makers to do something. The picture and story upset more people and encouraged them to take action as well.

It's good to know that people are still alive out there and can still care about something. I think people went overboard on how bad it was and some actions were not well thought out, but at least they tried. Some people wouldn't even take the effort, even if it bothered them a lot. Tony the Lonely was another hot topic.

This upset quite a few people. Even though it was completely satirical, it was a bit harsh. A lot of others felt that way. I saw a few wellwritten letters and heard about all of the phone calls. It was promptly removed.

I'm sure the powers that be at The Current Sauce were not aware that Natchitoches was not ready for such a biting satire. It was promptly removed.

It's really sad to see that it takes such topics to put an emotional charge into to someone to act upon their feelings. Traditions die with student apathy. The powers that be can walk over the masses with community apathy. If something doesn't get done, you've got to have the initiative to do it yourself. If something is wrong, you've got to fix it yourself. You can't depend on someone else to do it.

If everyone had said, " Oh somebody else will write in. I don't have time.", Tony the Lonely might still be running.

So, if you don't like something, or you feel you could do it better, or you see something not being done at all, don't wait for someone else. Get off your butt and do it yourself. You'll never know what you could have done unless you have at least tried.

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So you want to write to *The Current Sauce*, you must follow some basic rules.

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CARTOONISTS:

This week's assignment is to draw who you think should be the University's next distinguished lecturer.

Draw assignments on clean white paper and turn it in Friday before 1 p.m.

Marginalia

WARNING: THIS COLUMN MAY OFFEND YOU IF YOU HAVE A WEAK FAITH IN YOUR RELIGION. QUESTIONS BORN IN CURIOSUTY ARE OFTEN FOUND TO BE OFFENSIVE WHEN ADDRESSED TO THE SUBJECT OF RELIGION.

ALL RIGHT, BUT DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU!

In my search for something humorous to write about this week, I found a topic at a party. My friend Josh asked a question which sparked several of my own.

"Do you have sex in heaven?" Josh asked.

I immediately thought of several of my own. But before I delve into my questions, I want to address my feelings towards this subject.

My questions were not asked out of disrespect or blasphemy. Instead, I have genuine questions which pop up from time to time. Granted, some of the questions are not essential to the grand plan.

I am sure that many of you will be offended so I encourage you to read something else.

Some of my other questions are: Do chocolate lovers still crave chocolate in the afterlife? If so, what country makes the best chocolate, America or Switzerland? Or does heaven have its own brand?

Instead of answers to the great mysteries of life such as who shot JFK, why can't Buffalo win a Super Bowl, where is Jimmy Hoffa, what are those stones on Easter Island, and why do women have to go to the bathroom in pairs I have questions focused more on the simple pleasures of life.

Will I get horny or will my sex drive suffer the same fate as the cheap suit in which I will be buried? Am I going to want to be with my wife after I die? (I hope so).

What about the Elephant Man? Is he going to be disfigured in the afterlife? If you and someone you do not like go to heaven, will you still not like each other or will you put your differences aside?

I am sure these questions seem insignificant to many of you but I really think about some of this crazy stuff sometimes. Also, this is not open for debate because these are my questions for me to work out with my God. If you have questions feel free to email me.

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Current Quotes

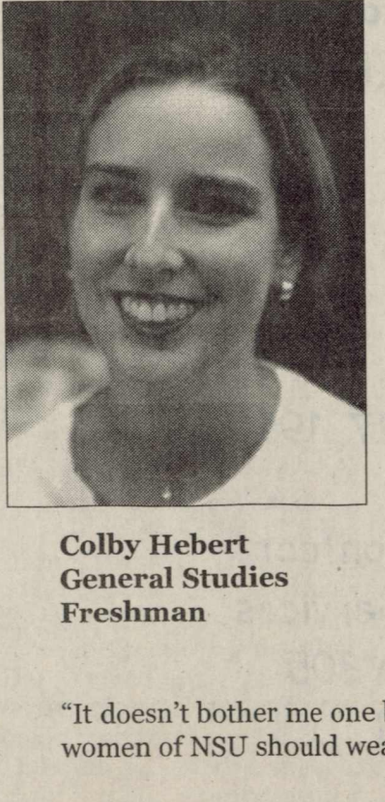
How do you feel about people wearing fur?

Cherie Etheredge
Elementary Ed.
Freshman

"I don't like the idea of killing animals."

Colby Hebert
General Studies
Freshman

"It doesn't bother me one bit. I think all the beautiful women of NSU should wear fur everday of winter."



Clarence Frank
General Studies
Senior

"Personally, I don't wear it, but if others do then it is their business."

Columnist encourages sowing seeds

Jesse Duplantis, an evangelist from New Orleans, LA, is one of my favorite ministers because he truly seeks to please God and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere that he goes. While looking around on his web site, I found an excerpt from his new book about the purpose of sowing financial seeds into the lives and ministries of Christian people. He shares this testimony about how the Lord richly blessed him because of his obedience by sowing ten thousand dollars into a minister's ministry that he had never heard of nor spoken with in his entire life.

He explains that he couldn't ignore the voice because he knew that God was talking to him.

"But I don't know the guy, God!"

God replied, "I know you don't, but I do."

"Then You give him the ten thousand," I said, "I don't know the guy. I've never seen him before in my life. And besides, that's all I've got, God!"

"That's all I asked for. I'm not asking you to stretch your faith, just give what you've got."

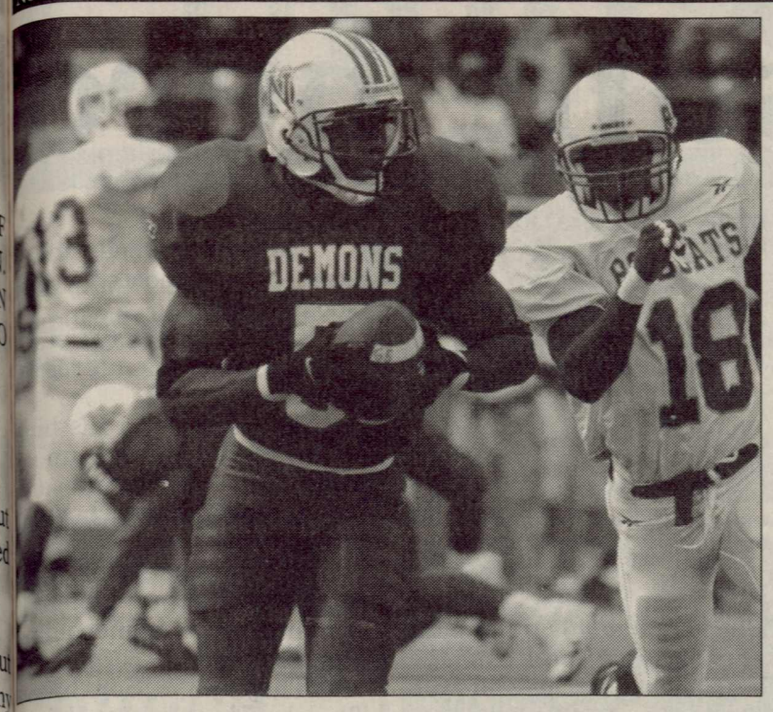
Jesse explains that he was saving the money to help him start his television ministry. He'd planned to use the money to do a television special and purchase some airtime that would finally get him started. Hearing God tell him to give the money away was what you'd call heart breaking. He said he was disappointed, but nevertheless he was obedient.

Jesse admitted he felt he'd never really gotten blessed for giving that large amount towards the work of God. Until one day, he went out for a jog and the Lord began to reveal certain areas in his life that were hindering his harvest from being manifested in his life. Jesse realized that he had not considered his own ways. He was deceived when he came to God's Word concerning finances. He focused his faith, believed it shall come to pass in his heart, and within five days he had seventy thousand dollars in cash. Why? Because he had began to focus his faith on the promises of God and not allow doubt and fear to settle in. He received just what he believed!

God has a particular system in place for his children and it works in a certain way. What is the system? According to Mark 4:11-14, it is the principles of sowing and reaping. In the natural, God made seeds to work. If they're put in the right dirt, He gave each seed the ability to be stimulated by the soil, spring up, increase and bring forth fruit. If the seed is not sown in good ground, then it won't grow. It will lay dormant unless the conditions of that soil change. Sowing a seed is about trust-trust in God's operational system. When you trust the system, you simply plant the seed and go trustfully away, believing that you heard from God and sowed correctly. First, pray in order to know where to sow your seeds, instead of giving out of emotions. Always give with purpose, not grudgingly, not because it's a necessity, and cheerfully. Sowing in good soil and having faith in God's system is what will ensure a successful harvest.

I promise you, it'll work every time...

Shawntell Lewis



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Mike Green inercepted a pass, bringing it back 44 yards for touchdown. The Demons scored 24 unsanswered points in the second half.

Football

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During the second half, 24 points were put on the board. All were Demon scores.

NSU came out of the locker room wit a spark. Spangle completed an eight-yard pass to senior Chris Pritchett for a score, with 11:42 remaining in the third quarter.

Spangler threw for 114-yards off 22 attempts during the game.

With 10:41 remaining in the third, Mike Green intercepted a Wynn pass and brought it into the end zone for another Demon score.

"I was playing zone-man coverage, and I intercepted and was determined to get into the end zone to help the team out," voiced Green.

Clint Sanford nailed a 29-yard field goal with 5:34 remaining in the third, for the last score of the quarter.

"During the third quarter, our defense and kickoff teams really stepped up for us. They gave us opportunities to get the lead,' said Goodwin.

To seal the game, with 8:24 remaining in the game, Taylor scampered to the outside for a one-yard score.

"We were not going to be denied today. The Purple Swarm defense was the best defense on the field," said Green.

Goodwin passed Harry Turpin as the winningest coach in NSU history with 101 Demon wins.

"It is an honor. I am quite elated. I am so proud of our team," stated a joyous Goodwin.

"I think that it is great. No one deserves it more," voiced NSU athletic director Greg Burke regarding Goodwin's win No. 101.

Next week, the 3-5 Demons will host the Jacksonville State Gamecocks in Turpin Stadium. The series between the Gamecocks and the Demons is tied at 3-3. Kickoff for next Saturday's game is 2 p.m.

We're going to have to dig deep and get the 'W'. Hard work rewards itself," voiced Demon senior William Broussard.

Cross Country finished seventh and eighth for the year

Jay Lyles
Sauce Reporter

On the first day of November nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, the last SLC Conference cross-country meet of the century was held at Northwestern State University's Piney Hills course.

Hector Andujo topped the list of finishers for NSU's men and Chante' Daily topped the list for the women. Andujo ran a time of 26:16 and brought home 14th place for the men, while Daily knocked out an 18th place and recorded a time of 19:40 seconds.

The fastest personal times seem to be a result of drinking bayou water, as the two fastest times were recorded by athletes from the southern parts of Louisiana. Kevin Smelley of Nicholls State recorded the only time less than 25 minutes in the mens race with his time of 24:56. Sita Waru recorded the only time under 18 minutes for the women, as she clocked a 17:36 and beat the second place runner by over a minute.

In the mens race, eleven conference teams came to run. UT Arlington topped the meet with a stunning 49 points. Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston State followed in a dead even tie of 89 points each.

The other eight teams placed as follows: McNeese State University (100 points), Southwest Texas 101 points), UT San Antonio (170 points), Nicholls State University 176 points), Northwestern State (211 points), Lamar University (213 points), University of Louisiana-Monroe (230 points) and Southeastern Louisiana 271 points).

"It's a heart breaker you know," said Andujo of the race. "We worked hard all season for this, and we gave it all we had. That's all anyone can do."

The Demons had too many injuries to overcome and too much competition to pull off the win. Many Demons, however, performed quite well. Robert McCormack followed Andujo with a time of 27:17. Danon O'Kelly was close behind with a time of 27:34. The other three Demons who recorded times were Mark Keough 27:52, Kyle Thomas 30:15 and Chris Baker 31:53.

The scores were good enough for a solid eighth place finish.

The women did slightly better. They recorded a seventh place finish in their eleven-team field.

Daily led the team but was followed closely by Jody Weierholt who recorded a 19:45 which was only five seconds off Daily's time.

Crystal Munsinger faired well; she ran under 20 with a score of 19:56.

The other Demons placed as follows: Emily Norton 20:21, Liza Mulholland 20:59, Lisa Fortenberry 21:55 and Molly Wingard 23:59.

McNeese took home the womens conference championship with a score of 69. They were followed by UT San Antonio, which had 77 points. Southwest Texas slid into third with a score of 90.

The remaining teams finished this way: Stephen F. Austin (107 points), Sam Houston State (139 points), UT Arlington (145 points), Northwestern State (148 points), Southeastern Louisiana (154 points), University of Louisiana-Monroe (158 points), Lamar University (234 points) and Nicholls State (329 points.)

Although the cross-country season is over, track fans should not be upset. Spring track and field events are on the way. That means, it is nearly time for all Demon fans to gear up for Demon track action in the spring '00 season.

Broussard get $18,000 stipend

Sports Information

William Broussard, Northwestern State's senior All-American center, last Thursday was named one of 15 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes for 1999 and will receive an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship.

Broussard will be an honored guest at the Foundation's 42nd Annual Awards Dinner Dec. 7 in the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, seated on the dias with the other scholar-athletes and the 1999 inductees to the College Football Hall of Fame.

"This is a tremendous honor that I attribute to my parents, my teachers, my coaches and teammates and my university, and most of all, to God," said Broussard.

WAC to compete in the state tourney

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

They scored touchdowns. They run, pass, catch, and hurt like all football players.

And their women, also.

The Women's Athletic Corporation (WAC) will compete in the Target/Butterfinger Invitational this week.

With only twelve consisting of the WAC, they had to play iron-man football. Iron-man football is when a team must play both offense and defense for the entire game.

"I think that it is a great opportunity for Northwestern and for us." Amanda Barham, center and middle linebacker for the WAC, muttered. "This year we had twelve people that I felt were great athletes. I feel confident that they could play at any position.We have a really good shot this year."

The WAC dominated every team they played, beating them by four touchdowns. The head into the playoffs with a ranking of 19th in the nation.

A lot of the athletes of WAC participated in the Nike Tournament last year placing second and getting an automatic bid to nationals.

"Our team is a lot better that last year," Mia Cook, former women's basketball player turned wide receiver. "We have a lot more speed and a lot more that know the game."

The WAC has one goal: to go all the way and win the national competition.

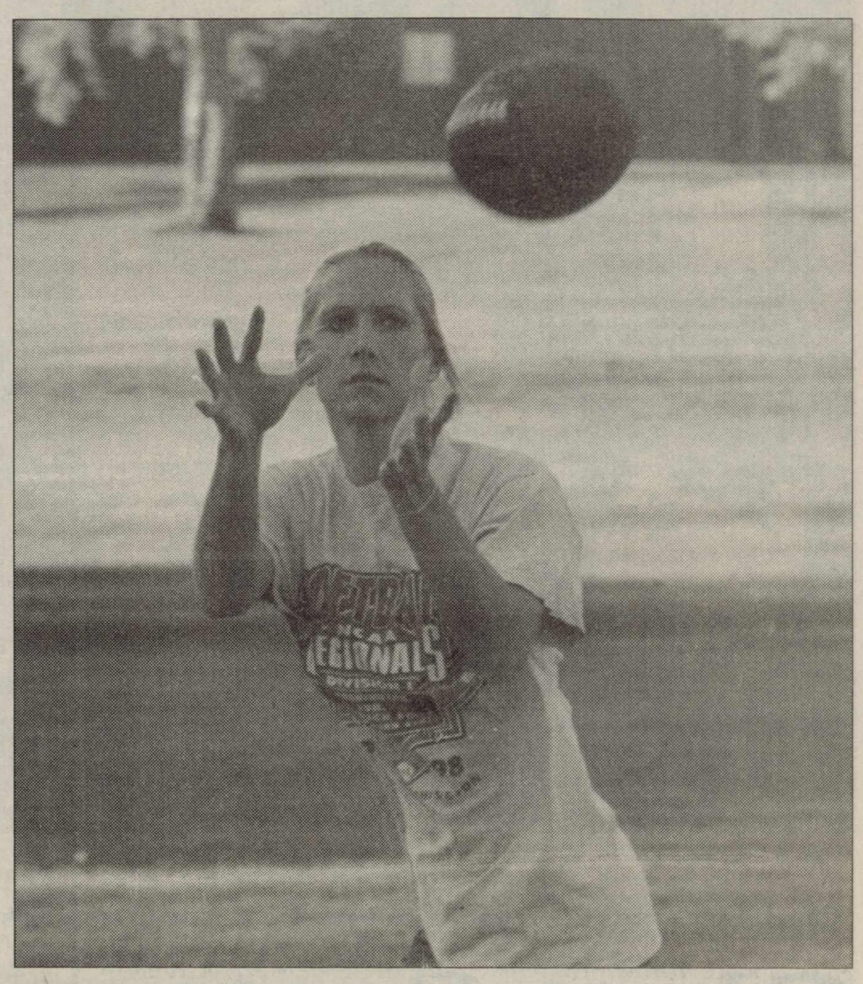
Schools such as Purdue, Duke and Florida State will participate in the tournament.

"There is only so much competition on campus." captain and quarterback Teilla Broussard said.

This season, the WAC's Tiffany Cronin, had to switch teams because their competition, University Columns only had four players. The WAC came out victorious.

The Women's Athletic Corporation is raising money for the tournament, raffling $100 and two steak dinners at the Tin House.

Women's flag football is increasing in popularity. Their are professional teams that are paid to travel around to play flag football.



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Becca Allen along with the WAC will head to the state tournament this week.

Soccer gets first .500 season ever

Kaleb Breaux
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State found themselves one win closer to the Southland Conference tournament after defeating Southwest Texas State on Sunday.

Northwestern State scored the only goal in Sunday's game on a Tori Carlino free kick.

Northwestern State was able to stop Southwest Texas' 14 shots, five of them only requiring saves, to come away with the victory.

This moved Northwestern State's record to 7-8-2 overall and 3-5-2 in SLC action.

The game was played without the coaching of head coach Jimmy Mitchell, who had to set out one game due to his ejection of the previous game.

"Coach LaRocco (assistant coach) and I have a better record than Coach Mitchell," jokes assistant coach Tony Shard about Jimmy Mitchell's second ejection.

Northwestern State now has an opportunity to take a trip to Nacogdoches, Texas where the Southland Conference tournament is to be held this year. The opportunity is still there; however, the Lady Demons must win their two remaining regular season games.

"There is no dominant team in the Southland Conference," says Coach Mitchell, "Any team can win on any given day."

Northwestern State will face Stephen F. Austin, a recently heated rivalry, on Wednesday in Nacogdoches, Texas and Nicholls State on Sunday at home.

The Lady Demons must win both of these matches to keep their SLC tournament dream alive.

In a must win situation, the Lady Demons rolled into Nacogdoches, TX to take on SFA on Wednesday. The Lady Demons needed this win to keep their hopes for a Southland Conference tournament appearance alive. Northwestern shutout the Lumberjacks of SFA in a 1-0 victory.

Knapschafer

Northwestern's lone goal was scored Kerri Kahanek on a ball assisted by Missy Payne. The goal was scored in the 13th minute of play.

The defense, lead by goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler, held SFA scoreless. Swingler recorded 13 saves.

The Lady Demons were outshot 18:10, but Swingler's 13 saves were enough for the victory.

Later in the week Northwestern's hopes of making the SLC postseason tournament ended when Stephen F. Austin clinched the fourth and final spot by beating McNeese St. on Friday.

The Lady Demons would play their final season game on Sunday when they hosted Nicholls State.

Northwestern State soccer goes one game over .500 after routing Nicholls State 5-0 in Sunday's matchup.

This game was a milestone for Northwestern soccer, because it is the first time in school history that soccer has ever had a winning season.

Northwestern began their rain of goals in the 28th minute of play when Janet Callahan scored on a free kick.

Then later, in the 40th minute, Stephanie O'Neil puts one past her sister, that's right, her sister, on a ball that was assisted by Callahan. After the goal was scored, O'Neil casually ran to the visiting team's goalie, who is her sister, and hugged her.

The goals did not stop there. Brittany Cargill scored twice, once in the 42nd minute and once in the 52nd minute, on balls assisted by Joanne McKee and Tori Carlino, respectively.

The final goal was scored by Kelly Knapschaefer on a direct kick in the 83rd minute of play.

Senior, Wendy Woodham played not one, but two positions in her final appearance. Woodham recorded two of Northwestern's three saves and moved out of net to play in the field.

All three seniors: Knapschaefer, Callahan, and Woodham received playing time. To end on a happy note, they have set a "soccer standard" here at Northwestern State. Their presence both on and off the field will be missed.

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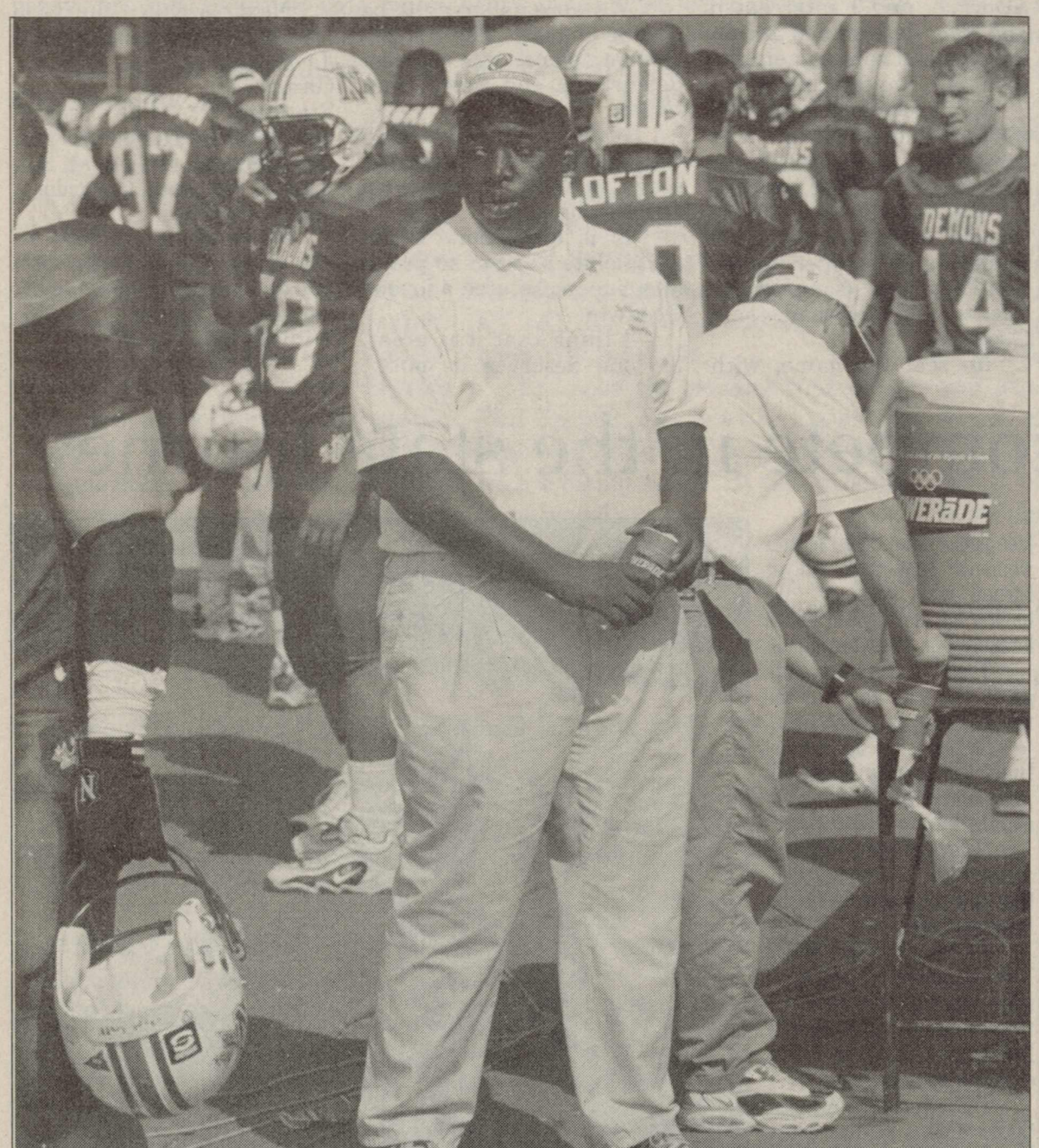
Northwestern's unsung hero



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Coach Black aids the team in morale. He is Northwestern's most loyal fan.

Greg Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

For four years University athletics have been assisted by a fan and unsung hero.

Harris Wilson, known fondly as Coach Black, attends all home football games, most away football games, and many other University sporting events.

Although Black is not an employee of the University and consequently cannot travel with the team, coaches often provide Black with a ride to and from the games said Head Football Coach Sam Goodwin.

"It's not just one game, but it's every game. He's at every sporting event," assistant sports information director Dustin Eubanks said. "People come first to see the sporting event and second to see Coach Black."

On days when no University team is competing, Black helps out at the field house.

"He's here from 6 a.m. until the last coach leaves at night," said Scott Long, defensive ends coach.

Black mans the sidelines during football games and helps with the team's morale.

"He's been my right hand man," Coach Goodwin said. "All of my coaches have taken him in."

Coach Goodwin has even offered Black a job on his staff. "He doesn't want a job," Goodwin said.

Black said, "I just like helping them [the team]."

Black talks to football coaches across the country in an effort to learn more about football said Coach Goodwin.

"Every team we play, he's talked to the coach already," Coach Goodwin said.

Black brings his unique talents to assist the Demons.

Black has the ability to memorize and recall sports statistics with little thought said Goodwin.

"He just reels off the numbers," Coach Goodwin said. "He's as smart as a whip."

Eubanks echoes the sentiment of Coach Goodwin.

Goodwin turns to Black when attempting to identify players, who are on the field.

"He knows the name of every player of every team," Eubanks said. "He has a memory that is a mile long."

In addition to his memory, Black raises the football team's morale said Goodwin.

"He has a way about him that lifts spirits. Everybody automatically gets happy when he comes around," Goodwin said. "Everybody loves him."

Black's love of sports goes back many years said Jay Goodwin, Coach Goodwin's son and Black's long-time friend.

"He's always been interested in sports," Jay Goodwin said.

Black has always stood out because of his interest in sports.

"All the kids in his high school class looked up to him," Jay Goodwin said. "He's a legend everybody in town knows him."

Black predicts a brighter future for the Demons starting with homecoming this weekend.

"They're [Southwest Texas] going to get beat," Black said. "We're going to turn around in the last four games."

Black also foresees good things happening to other University teams.

"They're [the baseball team] going to win the Southland Conference Championship," Black predicts.

Black has become an integral part of the football team.

"If he misses a day, it's the worst day," Jay Goodwin said.

Coach Goodwin agrees.

"People around here like me, would miss him if he didn't show up," Coach Goodwin said. "We are family."

"I think that he's the biggest fan that Northwestern has ever had." Eubanks gives high praise to a dedicated Demons fan.

Glass Seats

by
Lesa Thompson
QoS

The road between his birthplace in Ontario and his present residence in Alexandria may have been a long one--but for Warthog Jay "Maze" Mazur, it's the one that he's chosen to travel, and he's accomplished a lot along the way.

Mazur played collegiate hockey at the University of Maine. He started his professional career in the International and American Hockey Leagues with the Milwaukee Admirals and Hamilton Bulldogs, respectively.

Then, in 1983, Jay was given a shot at playing with the pros when he was the Vancouver Canucks' 12th pick in the National Hockey League's entry draft.

Jay soon experienced the pinnacles of his career, including playing his first game against the Toronto Maple Leafs and later scoring his first game-winning goal against the Calgary Flames.

For Mazur, playing in the NHL was a dream come true.

"Realzing that I might not be able to, I concentrated on schooling and got my degree," Jay said. "I was lucky to play in the NHL. It was something I never expected, but it was super."

Nowadays, Jay is the captain of the Alexandria Warthogs, a role that he seems well suited to fill both on and off the ice.

"I know how to handle myself with the public and the referees," Jay explained. "I'm at the stage in my life where I'm not going to be irresponsible. You won't see me getting into trouble. I have responsibilities being looked upon as a leader, and that's what I enjoy."

His strong sense of responsibility has been hard earned, as Mazur has had to overcome his share of hardship. Through sheer determination, Mazur beat a problem that apparently once threatened to end his career.

"About three years ago, I just didn't want to play anymore," Mazur said. "But I changed. I got into a rehab program, and I've been clean for two-and-a-half years now without drinking. It's changed my life and brought my heart back into the game. I'm living the good life now."

When it comes to heart, Mazur underscores its importance. According to him, hockey skill without the heart to back it up is useless.

"A guy with heart will always improve; you can always teach him," Mazur believes. "But if you don't have heart for the game, I don't know how you'd get it. It's something that has to come from within. Heart can't be taught. You either have it, or you don't."

For a guy with so much heart, it seems his career should last forever, but even the Great One had to hang up his blades at some point. Is that time fast approaching for Maze?

"My body's saying 'yes,' but my heart's saying 'no.'" Jay answered. "I've been playing now for fourteen years. It's time for me to take my skates off, even though my heart doesn't want to do it."

However, even after the time comes for Mazur to play his last pro game, he will not be leaving the world of hockey entirely behind. He will continue his career working in management and is currently the Warthogs' assistant director of hockey operations.

Truly, this is a man who wears many helmets, indeed, and seems satisfied with the life he has led thus far.

"I wouldn't change it," Jay surmised. "I realize what I did wrong before. I enjoy my life right now, but I don't think I would know who I was today if it wasn't for my past. Now, I know who I am. It sounds funny, but it's something that I believe in: if I didn't have my past, I wouldn't be who I am today."

Jay Mazur is a past player in the NHL, a present team captain and role model in the WPHL, and is moving into management.

Yet the role that fills Maze with the most pride, however, is that of "Daddy." Jay has three children, Alexa, Brianna and Lynden. He and his wife, Kristyn, are expecting another child in January.

We wish him the best. Both on and off the ice, Mazur is, above all else, a gentleman.

Volleyball drop two more

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

After starting the season winning their first five games, the Demon volleyball team rent through the riggers and trials of a long Southland conference season.

First year head coach James Onikeku, with a team mainly composed of freshman and sophomores, were mathematically eliminated from post-season play after losing two straight road games over the past weekend.

The Demons, with a record of 10-17 overall and 3-14, lost to Lamar 3-0 and conference leading Stephen F. Austin 3-0.

The Demons have not reached postseason play since 1990.

In the game against Lamar, the Cardinals got a key performance from Shanda Hart. Hart led both teams with 13 kills and 13 digs. The Demons were led by Lisa Abner, who came off the bench to give the Demons 13 kills and 10 digs despite a nagging knee injury.

Lamar also benefited from the play of Natalie Sarver and Allison Driggs who each had 12 kills on the night. Driggs would also tack on a .478 attack percentage.

The Demons will wrap up their home schedule this Saturday against McNeese State University. The Demons will then finish their season with three straight road games. They'll face Louisiana Tech, Southeast Louisiana, and Nicholls on the next week.

The Game against McNeese is free to all NSU students with a valid ID.

Leon Johnson: coaching greatness

Kaleb Breaux
Sauce Reporter

33 NCAA Division I All-Americans, five conference championships, and a four time conference coach of the year.

These are not the accomplishments of a track coach at a huge Division I school like LSU. These are the accomplishments of Northwestern's own men's-track coach Leon Johnson.

Going into his 17th season at NSU, Coach Johnson has done more in 17 years than anyone will ever do in his life. Coach Johnson has coached NSU to Top 20 finishes in both indoor and outdoor NCAA championships. Not only has he coached track, but he also started women's track and field at NSU.

Coach Johnson, who started coaching on a prep level, his risen to the top and is now one of the greatest track and field coaches around.

After graduating from USL and going back to receive his masters in education, Coach Johnson began his coaching career on the prep scene. Coach Johnson coached DeRidder High School a class AAA Louisiana state championship. He continued his success at Opelousas High School by winning two state titles in 1971 and 72.

"What is the secret to his success?" you ask. There is really no secret at all.

L. Johnson

"Good athletes," replies Coach Johnson when asked about the big secret.

Coach Johnson is not kidding when he refers to some of his former stars as "good athletes". Let's take two former athletes, Brian Brown and LaMark Carter. These are two of the most decorated men in school history. Both Brown and Carter have succeeded even past the collegiate level. Also, both of these fine athletes were coached by none other than Leon Johnson.

Leon Johnson is not only a hero on the track, but off the track also. Coach Johnson is a very active volunteer with the Special Olympics.

"Athletes around the state knowing that they may see me at a Special Olympic event," says Coach Johnson, "or something of that nature, know that there are interests other than track and field going on at Northwestern."

Coach Johnson has had opportunities over his 17 years at NSU to leave and coach elsewhere. However he has not left Northwestern for apparent reasons.

"I've been very happy here at Northwestern for 17 years," says Coach Johnson. "I like it here."

Coach Johnson has maintained a great reputation amongst his athletes as well as the staff here at Northwestern.

"He is a great coach," says freshman Blake Hines. "When he tells what we are doing wrong we listen with respect.

President Randall Webb had this to say about Coach Johnson. "I can think of no better tribute to pay a coach— or anyone of that matter." "Coach Leon Johnson and his coaching colleagues Northwestern... are very special people who make a positive difference in the lives of the student athletes whom they mentor."

The "Johnson way" of coaching will continue very far into the future through Coach Johnson's son, Derek Johnson.

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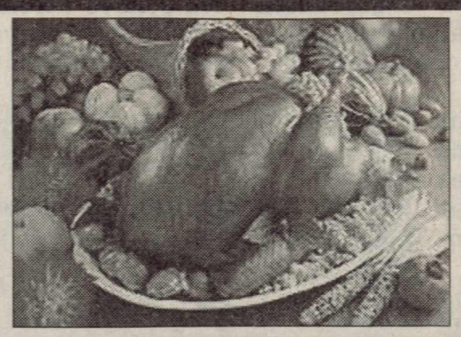

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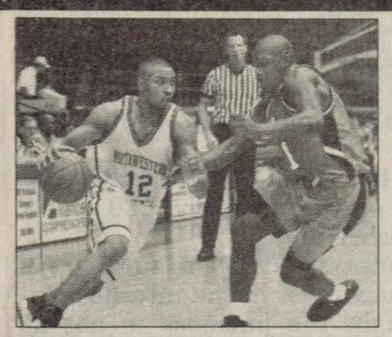

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Hill wins chance to be president for a day

Lacy Chism
Sauce Reporter

Chris Hill, a student of the University, has been selected to be president for a day.

The contest was sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and will occur Nov. 12.

Hill was chosen to take President Webb's role for a day as part of a raffle held by the sorority. The tickets, sold for one dollar each, helped Alpha Omicron Pi raise about $200 for the Headstart Program offered on campus.

Hill will have to do the assigned duties for an entire day.

President Webb will attend three hours of Hill's scheduled classes, and he will eat lunch wherever Hill normally eats lunch.

This gives the student a chance to see what it is like to be an administrator and the administrator an opportunity to remember what it is like to be a college student.

The President for a Day event has been done on several campuses across the nation.

Northwestern's branch got the idea from Texas A&M.

The University's Alpha Omicron Pi members Amanda Killingsworth and Kathryn Richards thought it would be a great idea.

"The raffle to be President for a Day was very successful this year," Killingsworth said. "We plan to do it every fall."

For more information about President for a Day, read *The Current Sauce* next week.

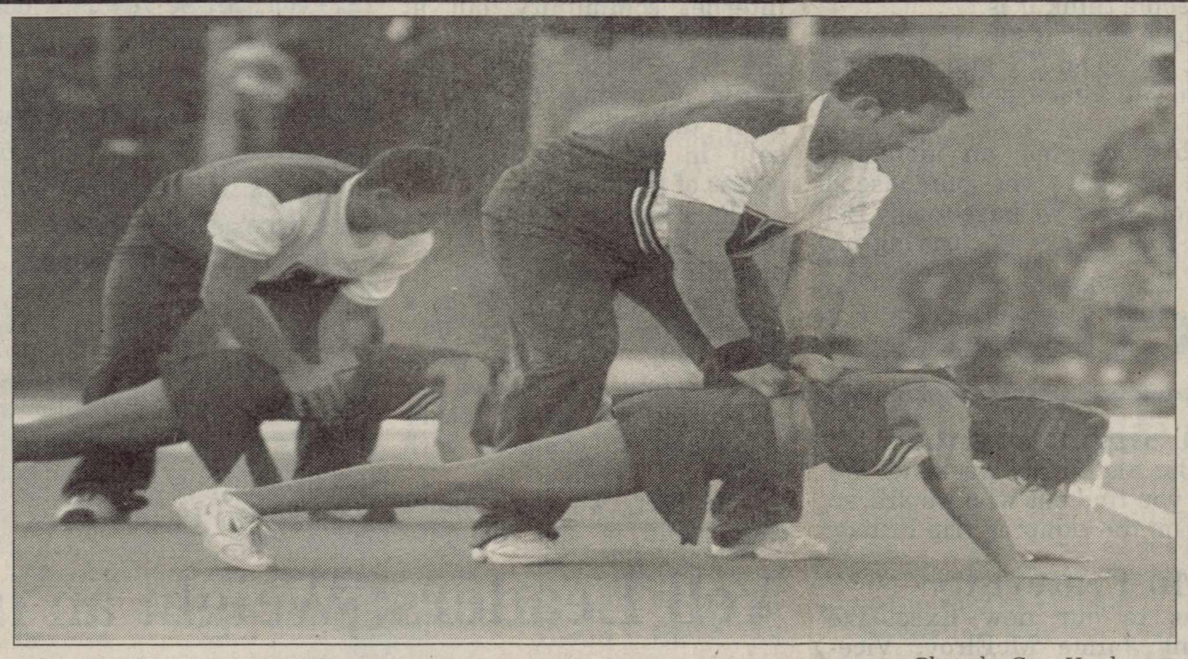

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Recently the weight of University cheerleaders has become an issue of concern among the other members of the squad. Some members are hoping a weight limit will be enforced for the team.

Cheerleaders face weight limit issues

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is not the intent of *The Current Sauce* to offend any Yell Leader, but to report the legitimate complaints of other members.

Larry Collins
Sauce Reporter

Around the country cheerleading squads have become increasingly concerned with the weight of their members. This issue has also brought concern to this University.

Former NSU cheerleading coach Susanna Deshotel feels that weight limits set on cheerleaders may cause unneeded stress, especially for female cheerleaders.

"Cheerleading around the country is known for girls that go to extremes to try to look a certain way," Deshotel said.

"Being out in front of people can be very harmful to somebody's mental health," she continued.

She said that when she became a cheerleader for the University in 1991 there was a weight limit placed on squad members, but the limit was based more on the individual cheerleader.

"Putting a number on someone is very hard to do, because everyone's weight changes from day to day. A girl's body changes more from high school to college than any other time," she said.

A University cheerleader who wishes to remain anonymous because of current affiliation with the squad disagreed. For purposes of anonymity we will refer to him as Ace.

"Being a cheerleader is not something that everyone can do and that is why we have tryouts," Ace said.

He said that if a girl wants to be a cheerleader she has to make some sacrifices.

"If you play football and your weight drastically changes, the coach is not going to try to spare your feelings... they have expectations of you," Ace said.

Many other universities do not have weight limits for their cheering squads.

Florida State University cheerleader Lollie Aulet said that her University does not have a weight limit, "because of the unhealthy eating habits and that prevalence of eating disorders."

"We want to promote our athletic teams and look healthy and happy while doing so," she said.

Ace agreed.

"We are adults and we know that we are representing the University," he said. "[An over weight cheerleader] should respect the team enough and respect herself enough to get rid of it [extra weight].

According to Frances M. Berg's book Afraid to Eat, "One survey found teenage girls more afraid of gaining weight than of cancer or nuclear war."

National cheerleading champions, University of Kentucky, does impose a weight limit for its members, but has precautions against eating disorders.

According to their guidelines a member suffering from an eating disorder will receive appropriate counseling "and/or disciplinary action up to and including termination from the squad."

Although the University imposes a weight limit of 120 pounds it provides squad members with tools to battle eating disorders.

The University's web page says that members must watch the NCAA produced video "Eating Disorders Project, Parts I and II" and attend a lecture on nutrition by a member of the University's training staff.

Deshotel said that last year a nutritionist from Natchitoches General Hospital came to talk to the NSU cheerleaders about eating healthy and stressing the dangers of both extremes, over eating and starvation.

Penn State cheerleader Christopher Davies said that his squad "does not discriminate based on weight, height or any other physical feature."

Ace said that it is ridiculous not to have a weight

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Students adjust to life after Bank One

Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

Many students are facing banking problems because Bank One sold all of its branches in Natchitoches to First Guaranty Bank.

Bank One's decision to sell its small community branches does not affect just Natchitoches.

Thirteen Bank One banking centers across Louisiana have been sold to First Guaranty. Bank One no longer wants a portion of the small community market.

"A bank like Bank One does much better in your larger cities, like Shreveport, New Orleans and Baton Rouge," Vice President of First Guaranty Bank Teresa Pierce said.

Pierce was the vice president of Bank One until the changeover.

"Bank One bought out First Commerce Bank and then found themselves with too many banks. They had to do a lot of consolidation," Pierce said.

First Guaranty bought the banks and is the sixth largest banking chain in Louisiana and now the largest bank in Natchitoches.

"A small town bank gives us back the authority in the banking center," Pierce said. "Before, to call in for loans, you had to call into Dallas, your paperwork came from Houston and payments were going to Fort Worth. To call for bookkeeping, you would have to call into Houston. Now we can speak to a live person in Hammond."

The change has caused many problems, however.

"At first, I didn't mind the banks changing," senior Alan Pasch said. "But I am starting to get tired of being jerked around by the bank."

Many of the initial problems arrived when Bank One provided First Guaranty with a list of accounts to be sold. Some of those accounts were wrong.

Some accounts were provided to First Guaranty that should not have been and vice-versa, Pierce said.

Bank One then sent their customers a goodbye letter notifying them of the sale and that they had the option of staying with Bank One or switching to a new bank.

First Guaranty then sent a welcoming letter to new customers.

Problems arose, however, after many of these letters were sent to wrong address and customers were not notified.

"The biggest problem we have received is that some customers are not at the address we have," Pierce said.

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Scholarship offered to female education majors

The Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International announced the availability of a scholarship for female education majors.

Eligible students must plan to attend the University in the fall of 2000, be of at least junior status at the beginning of the fall of 2000, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 at the beginning of the fall of 2000, be pursuing at least a four-year degree in education and be a full time student.

The amount of the scholarship varies from year to year, but the scholarship is worth no less than $250 an no more than $500.

The Epsilon Chapter sponsors the Catherine and Mary Winters Scholarship, which is named in memory ot two of its members.

Applications are available at the office of Alumni Affairs.

Completed applications and other requested infermation must be postmarked by Feb. 1 and mailed to Barbara Laborde, scholarship chairman, at 130 S. Williams Ave., Natchitoches, LA 71457.

"Steel Magnolias" opens Thursday in A.A. Fredericks

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

The University theatre-program opens *"Steel Magnolias"* at 7:30 p.m Thursday in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The play will run Thursday, take a night off and pick back up Saturday through Monday, then have a final showing on Nov. 16.

Robert Harling wrote the play as a tribute to his sister, Susan, who died from diabetes in 1987. Susan graduated from the University with a degree in nursing. Harling also graduated from the University and went on to get his law degree at Tulane.

"He originally wanted to be an actor, but he was told there was no money in it," said Vicki Parrish, director of the play.

Harling is one of the top screenwriters today. He wrote *"Soap Dish"* and *"The First Wives' Club,"* which he also directed . He also wrote the sequel to *"Terms of Endearment"* called *"The Evening Star"*.

"What makes the play different from the movie is that all the scenes are based in the beauty shop. There are no outside influences," Parrish said. "It's the same script, but the locale has changed."

"The goal of live stage is to connect with the audience one-to-one. That's the advantage of doing a play compared to the movies," Parrish said.

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Vicki Parrish,
Director
Steel Magnolias

Jenae Yerger plays Shelby Eatenton. Shelby is based on Harling's sister Susan. Yerger has been involved with acting since her sophomore year in high school. She did community theatre and transferred here from Dallas.

"I had a good feel of what theatre is from all different sources. I wanted a challenge so I tried out for M'Lynn and Shelby," Yerger said.

Yerger said she learned about diabetes from playing Shelby.

"Shelby has a big heart. She seems to let things roll off her back. One of her lines is 'life goes on' and I wish more people felt that way. I wish that I could be as strong as her," Yerger said.

Amy Magouirk plays M'Lynn Eatenton, Shelby's mother.

"All of these women in '*Steel Magnolias*' are amazing, but my focus was on getting the part of M'Lynn," said Magouirk. "I have so much respect and admiration for these women,"Magouirk said.

Amy Lynne Houck plays Truvy, who owns the beauty shop. Houck has played Constance in *"The Three Musketeers"* at Louisiana Tech, Perdita in *"The Winter's Tale"* and Goldie in *"Two by Two."*

"I wanted the part of Truvy first because I just loved her. She was an older character than I've played before. I kind of struggled with Truvy because I didn't want to overdo the accent," said Houck of her character. "I have a new respect for hometown beauticians. You open up to them and they are therapeutic, and I think that's when Truvy came out in me. It's like it's my shop now and when they come in I want them to feel pretty," Houck said.

Jena Westbrook plays the part of Clairee. Westbrook has played in the stepmother in *"Cinderella,"* Lizzie in *"110 in the Shade"* and Tess in *"Crazy For You."* Westbrook began acting in small things since kindergarten, but became serious in college.

"Because this play is based on real people, I've learned a lot about myself and about the strength that women really do have," Westbrook said. "I love the fact the Clairee tries to find the joy and love in every situation and tries to make everyone happy."

News

Local ISPs compete for rural market

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

National internet service providers continue to compete in larger urban areas where the population is dense, while the competition of smaller ISPs grows in the rural internet market.

"Even in urban areas we compete against all of the national companies and everyday it seems like there are two or three new ones [ISPs] that spring up," said Robert Rose, president of World Net. "We still do quite well."

Small ISPs have increased in numbers due to the increased interest in the internet outside of metropolitan areas.

"The larger companies typically look at providing service in markets based purely on population," Rose said. "Any community smaller than X number of thousands of people, they [national ISPs] won't go in."

The Natchitoches area has seen an increase in the number of local providers in a short time.

"Well there really had not been a lot of competition in the past," Chris Clemens said. "There's a lot more in the past couple months."

Clemens is the administrator for Cp-Tel, a local ISP that serves just over 3,000 people in the Natchitoches area.

Providing internet service to rural areas has become a new twist in the internet revolution. Although, the business is not as easy as some people think it is.

"A lot of people think it's easy," Clemens said. "They just set up an ISP and start raking in the cash, but that's not the case at all."

"The ISP business has an incredibly high overhead. We have the purchase of equipment and of course we have to pay Bell South ungodly fees as far as carrying our phone lines."

Besides the increased competition among local providers, smaller companies face the threats of technological advancements.

"Really it's kind of a wait and see mentality," Clemens said. "We are going to see what has to happen and what we have to do to remain competitive."

"We are definitely keeping our fingers on the pulse of the internet community, but at the moment there is just not the user base there that would be willing to pay for such technology," Clemens said in reference to cable access of the internet.

Rose expects to see competition from cable companies providing internet service.

"Cable will certainly be a competitive threat to us," Rose said. "However, we're not standing still and we are preparing to deploy other technology to compete with cable."

"In fact, we don't think that cable is the ultimate answer to broad band access to the internet. We believe wireless is. We are preparing to deploy that, as well as other technologies to remain competitive with cable."

Terms Associated With The Internet

System Administrator- The person in charge of managing, monitoring, and for the upkeep of different types of computer servers and services.

ISP- (Internet Service Provider) An institution that provides access to the Internet in some form, usually for money.

Server- A computer or a software package that provides a specific kind of service to *client* software running on other computers. The term can refer to a particular piece of software, such as a WWW server, or to the machine on which the software is running.

HTML- (Hyper Text Markup Language) The coding language used to create *Hypertext* documents for use on the *World Wide Web*. HTML looks a lot like old-fashioned typesetting code, where you surround a block of text with codes that indicate how it should appear.

Campus Connections

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Spanish Club
Meetings at 3 p.m. every Friday in room 333 of Kyser Hall.

Sigma Tau Delta
The English honor society will meet a 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, in the Cane River Room, NSU Student Union. English and related majors are encouraged to attend.

Students in Free Enterprise
Meeting time Thursday at 4:00. Members please attend. Please remember your sign up times for the Phone-a-thon.

Sigma Sigma Sigma
This is it, it's Big Sis/Lil Sis weekend! We can't wait until you find out who we are, so be sure to come on the camping trip Friday.

Phi Mu Fraternity
Congratulations to our new Executive Board. President Jaime McElroy; Vice-President, Jamie Hughes; Treasurer, Sarah Griffith; Recording Secretary, Chas Barrington; Corresponding Secretary, Jennifer Leger; New Member Educator, Casey Crowder; Rush Director; Khara Broderick and Panhellenic Delegate, Robin Sampson. Phi's, be sure to attend all Inspiration Week events.

Society for Professional Journalists
Meeting will be Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Journalism Conference room in Kyser Hall.

Purple Jackets
We have a meeting next Monday. Please be sure and attend.

Blue Key
If you signed up for the phone-a-thon please attend.

Yell Leaders: Weight an issue at NSU

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limit and still judge girls so highly on collegic image.

He explained that collegic image is the basis for a large sum of points based on physical appearance, when the squad tries out in April.

Ace said that members of the student body notice that the overweight girls do not look good in their uniforms, and stated many instances when he was approached about the size of some of the girls on the squad.

"We can't compete at nationals because the girls are too big," Ace said. "Why should we go to the gym and get stronger when the girl that we have to stunt with is sitting around eating pizza all the time? It is ridiculous that some girls gained 20 pounds over the summer," he continued.

According to the guidelines of one of the top ten squads in the country, University of Texas, male members have to maintain 11 percent body fat and 16 percent body fat for female members.

Jim Lord, executive director of the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors, said that there are no "hard and fast" facts concerning weight limits.

"Cheerleading is an activity that involves lifting someone or being lifted overhead," Lord said.

"From a safety standpoint, there has to be a reasonable balance between the base and the top," he continued.

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING CLASSES BEGINS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10. STUDENTS NEED TO GO BY THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AND PICK UP A NEWSPAPER WITH THE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES. STUDENTS NEED TO SPEAK WITH THEIR ADVISER PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR CLASSES.

The 99-00 Argus art and literature contest is now open. You can find a submission form in this issue of the Sauce. Submissions should be put in the mailbox on the Argus office door in the second floor lobby of Boozman Dorm (across the street from Russel Hall). Unless you submit your work on a disk (word 97 or higher), you will need to submit 5 copies of each submission. Disks will be returned after the 3rd week of next semester. A completed submission form must accompany each submission, including those that are submitted on disk. You may submit works in any or all of the submission categories. Prizes will be awarded for 1st ($100), 2nd ($75), and 3rd place ($50) in fiction, non-fiction, art, poetry, and playwriting. First and 2nd place prizes will also be awarded for cover art. Playwriting submissions should be limited to one act, 5-minute pieces. Cover art should have a peacock, peacock feather(s) or an eye or eyes prominent in the work. Natchitoches residents and NSU faculty and staff may also submit their works for publication. However, there will be no monetary award for these submissions. Submissions will be judges by NSU faculty members. There should be no identification on the works themselves; this is to keep the judging process fair. Winning submissions may be showcased at the first annual Demon art and literature festival toward the end of next semester. At the festival, contestants will have a chance to present, read, and explain their works to people attending the event. We are open to any ideas on how to make Argus better for you. Any questions or comments should be addressed to Argus_magazine@hotmail.com. Faculty members that would be interested in judging submissions should contact us at the same address.

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Please return this completed form with 5 copies of your work (art and cover-art only require one copy) or your work saved on disk (Microsoft Word 97 or higher) to the Argus office in the second floor lobby of Boozman dorm across the street from Russel Hall. Thanks and good luck!!!!

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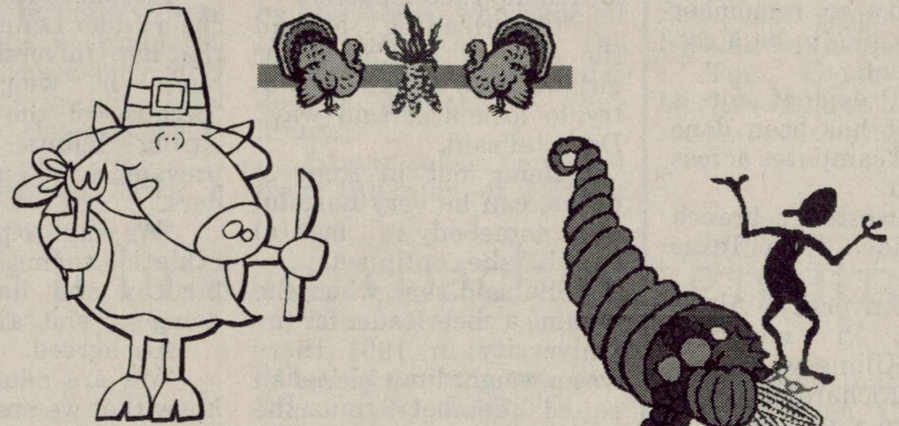

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SIFE to host money management seminar

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Students in Free Enterprise, aka SIFE, will bring in a counselor from the Consumer Counseling Services to speak about making wise money decisions, especially when dealing with credit.

The seminar will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Union Building at 3:30 p.m. The seminar will focus on proper money management, record keeping skills, and setting up budgets. It is free and open to all students and faculty.

"We don't do anything just to do something," said Bob Jones, faculty adviser of SIFE. "We do things we think will benefit somebody."

Jones said this is the first year the University has had a competitive SIFE team. Jones said although many people are not familiar with the organization, it exists on over 700 campuses nationwide.

"It has been growing phenomenally over the last 10 years," said Jones.

Jones said that SIFE's purpose is to help people understand how the economy works so they can use it better.

Jones said that SIFE's goal is accomplished through various projects scheduled throughout the year. In one such project, SIFE plans to work with the local Boys and Girls Club to tutor them in their studies and teach them about business.

"We do community service activities with a business twist," said Jones about SIFE.

Jones said one of the major advantages of joining SIFE is attending the regional competitions that are held in the spring. At competitions, members present a report to a panel of judges detailing the projects completed during the year. Students are judged on their presentations, the projects completed and the actual reports.

Winning teams can then go on to the national competition.

Jones said even if the team does not win, the experience is a great asset. He said that many CEO's of the donor companies attend the competitions and sponsor job fairs.

Jones said that 300 of the Fortune 500 companies are donors to SIFE. He said that many participants are offered jobs on the spot.

Jones said that there is no GPA requirement or membership fee to join. Membership is open to students of all majors and classifications. He said that potential members should have an interest in business and the economy.

Students interested in joining SIFE may visit the SIFE web site that can be accessed from the NSU homepage. Also, students may contact Jones by e-mail at jonesrc@alpha.nsula.edu or by phone at 357-4581.

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ISEP to excel despite retirement of director

Karly Pierre
Contributing Writer

The impending retirement of Thomas Whitehead, ISEP coordinator for the University, could lead to changes in the international studies program.

ISEP stands for International Student Exchange Program. Applications for ISEP will be available after Nov. 15.

Thomas Burns, vice president of academic affairs, said he is sorry that Whitehead is retiring.

"We don't have anyone in mind to take his position, but we are discussing the possibilities of where we want the ISEP program to go," Burns said.

Burns said he was thinking of expanding the international studies program and making an office that would specifically handle those issues. Burns said this would enable the University to more effectively offer opportunities to students beyond the University campus, a step that would benefit both the University and the student.

"The University benefits from the experiences the student brings back to us and the student benefits by being exposed to another culture," Burns said.

Whitehead

Whitehead has been ISEP coordinator since 1984 and hopes his retirement will not affect the program negatively.

"ISEP is a wonderful opportunity for students in any field to have a study abroad, experience at no more than it costs to attend NSU, with the exception of transportation," Whitehead said.

Whitehead said there is presently no support service for ISEP students, but students have academic advisers and the ISEP coordinator to help with problems.

Martin Trelcat, an ISEP exchange student from France, said that the University was responsive to his needs.

"My English isn't good and when my car wasn't working Mr. Whitehead helped me to find someone to fix my car," Trelcat said. "I think I have adjusted well."

According to the ISEP internet site (www.isep.org), ISEP offers more than 100 study sites in Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, Latin America and the South Pacific. These exchanges last for a semester or a year in a wide variety of fields.

Burns said that University students studying with ISEP don't necessarily get behind in credit hours. He said more students should take advantage of ISEP.

"Even if a student does get behind in credit hours, the experience that you gain from being immersed in another culture is worth so much more," Burns said.

Manuel Becher, an ISEP student from Germany, said that studying abroad is an invaluable experience.

"I'm in business, and when employers see that I have studied in America it will make me more competitive," Becher said.

Jackson chosen Miss Black & Gold

Shawn Bruce
Guest Writer

The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. held their first annual Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant on Oct. 18.

The event was held in the A.A. Frederick Fine Arts Auditorium. Fourteen young women competed for the chance of representing the Theta Chi chapter at their state convention in Baton Rouge.

Each contestant participated in several phases of competition, which included: achievements and projections, swimwear, talent and evening gown. To end the competition, contestants were asked a final question, which reflected their ability to think on their feet.

The evening came to an end with Tasha Jackson of Baton Rouge being crowned Miss Black & Gold for 1999-2000.

Jackson is a junior nursing major at the University Jackson also received the swimwear and Miss Congeniality awards.
Jackson is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Demon Sweethearts, Mu Epsilon Delta and a member of the 1999 Northwestern Homecoming Court. Tasha's philosophy on life is "beauty is powerful, but remember personality and a smile is its sword."

As Miss Black & Gold, Jackson received a $200 cash scholarship, trophy, a dozen yellow roses, a crown and an all-expense-paid trip to the state competition (i.e. hotel accommodations, food, and travel). In addition, she received free movie rentals at Imagination video, free movie passes to Parkway Cinema, free passes to all Alpha Phi Alpha events and free dinners at some Natchitoches restaurants.

Jackson

Khaliliah Powell of New Orleans was chosen as first runner-up. Powell is a sophomore, majoring in broadcast journalism with a minor in English.

Second runner-up was Beandrica Cole of Natchitoches. Cole is a junior majoring in theatre with a minor in broadcast journalism. The winner of the swimwear competition was Y'esha Jackson, and Charvet Valley captured the talent award.

Other contestants participating in the pageant were Tiffanee Monroe, Nola McGuire, Kristy McDaniel, Lisa Cox, Kristy Coleman, Carnetta Rubin, Jamilah Davis, Aja Jackson and Janie Warren.

BANK ONE: New chain going through growing pains

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"Students have mail that was sent to their home addresses, and they were here on campus, for example."

Another problem is some students did not notify Bank One of their decisions to change or to stay with Bank One.

"If Bank One didn't hear from customers, they just assumed the account stayed with Bank One," Pierce said. "It's just caused a lot of frustration."

"I still haven't gotten my ATM card, and I have been inside to talk to First Guaranty three times," Pasch said. "It's such a pain."

Pierce said the change will be better for the customers in the long run. She said that the fees are better for the customer. Before, Bank One would charge two dollars for the use of a teller and sometimes the ATM was down.

"I still haven't gotten my ATM card, and I have been inside to talk to First Guaranty three times."

Alan Pasch,
Senior

"It was a nightmare," Pierce said.

First Guaranty does not charge for a teller.

"We want the customers to come inside," Pierce added. "We want them in the bank. We want them talking one-on-one with the tellers, and we prefer the one-on-one with the customers."

Pierce said some ways to improve the transition will be for students to make sure where their money is now, with Bank One or with First Guaranty.

She said to make sure the address is correct to ensure the mail is going where it is supposed to go. Customers should balance their checkbooks regularly and not rely on just what the bookkeeping department says.

First Guaranty has branches across La., including Hammond, Amite, Ponchatoula, Kentwood, Natchitoches, Bastrop, Homer, Haynesville, Vivian, Oil City, Benton and Farmerville.

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Women's old gym to finally receive construction

Mary Freeman
Contributing Writer

After a long delay, the women's old gym is about to go under construction.

Westerchil Construction Company's low bid of $2,104,000 won on Oct. 26 at the facility plant in Baton Rouge. Other bidders for the gym are Koetsier Construction, Inc., R.D.S. Construction, Inc., and Ratcliff Construction.

The bids ranged from a base bid of $2,358,000 to Westerchil's bid of $2,104,000, according to the bid tabulation sheet from the facility planning and control center in Baton Rouge .

The $2,104,000 is out of $3,350,000 that the federal government has given for the project. The rest of the money will be used for insurance, engineering services, and testing, said Loren Lindsey, head of the physical plant.

Lindsey was originally hoping for six to eight bidders on the gym.

"With the workload in the state area, if we'd get six to eight we'd be fortunate," Lindsey said.

Lindsay estimates that the construction time will take 180 days.

"It's rather quick, but realistic," Lindsey said. "The building is not that large, about 18 to 19 thousand square feet."

"Early in January, they [Westerchil Construction Co.] ought to be working on site if everything goes well," said John Winston, vice president of university affairs.

The new gym will include three classrooms, a seminar room, seven private offices, three open area offices, one lounge and one lecture hall. It also will have restrooms, elevators, mechanical rooms, closets, and stairs, Winston said.

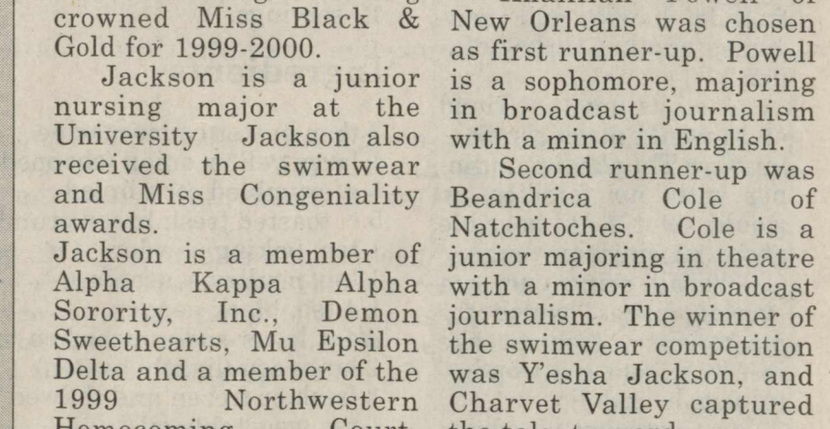

Photo by Courtney Payne
Construction to the women's old gym will get started soon after a long delay.

The women's old gym is the oldest building on campus, built in 1923. It was closed in 1970 and not used since then, according to the University's news bureau.

The fire, which damaged the building and delayed plans, happened in November 1997.

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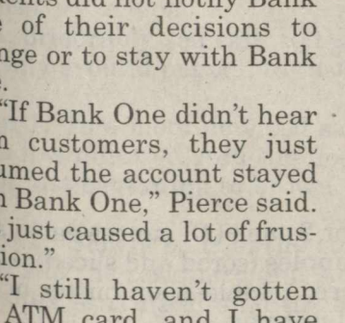

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Thanksgiving.

It brings thoughts of family gatherings, tons of food and, for some, huge headaches.

For me, Thanksgiving began early Thursday morning at the break of dawn with my parents banging on my brother's and my doors.

We then piled into my parents vehicle and prepared for the hour and a half drive to my uncle's house in Northern Louisiana.

My entire family, which consists of my grandmother, great-aunt, uncle, aunt. two cousins, parents, brother and my boyfriend, spent the day in separate ways.

The guys headed outside for a day full of target practicing, while the women huddled around the kitchen discussing the men's missed shots.

At about noon, the family gathered around the dining room table, gave grace to God and chowed down on some good Southern food.

All in all, the day has always been a wonderful, memorable time of my life.

These are not my only Thanksgiving memories, however.

Beginning three years ago, when my boyfriend and I began dating, we took part in another Thanksgiving tradition.

We gathered together with about 10-15 of our close friends at our best friends house and consumed another turkey dinner.

Just as my boyfriend and I would never consider missing Thanksgiving dinner with our families, so would we feel horrible about missing this dinner.

We all bring our own special dishes, which for me consists of cheesecake in a box from the wonderful people at Jello.

On occasion, I spring for a real dish and make homemade rolls.

The dishes usually are not the gourmet-quality of my aunt, grandmother or mother, but are well-appreciated, nonetheless.

The day is spent playing ball, on a Nintendo of course, trivial pursuit and remembering previous Thanksgivings.

Just as with my family, the members of the group change with years.

We now have a new addition with my little "niece" who adds her own dishes of mashed peas and runny carrots to the Thanksgiving meal.

But, the day is still the same - a gathering of friends, with no blood relation, who give thanks for being in each other's company for another year.

Thanksgiving doesn't have to be just with your family traveling for hours to consume some of Aunt Helda's "delicious fruit cake." Enjoy that day, but give thanks for the other people in your life, whom you see every day but appreciate, nonetheless.

So, I've included recipes for you, the readers, to start a new Thanksgiving tradition.

Thanksgiving isn't just for families

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The Main Dish

Roasted Turkey isn't an impossible feat with this simple recipe. All it takes is some patience and a bunch of seasonings.

Holiday Roast Turkey with old-fashioned dressing

Old-fashioned cooks sometimes add eggs and baking powder to their corn bread stuffing to give it a fluffier texture. The stuffing in this recipe is a delicious example. Preparation time: 20 minutes. Cooking time: 6 minutes. Roasting time: 3 hours. Standing time: 15 minutes. Makes 12 servings.

Ingredients

3 tbsp butter or margarine
1 large yellow onion (chopped)
5 c. crumbled corn bread
5 c. toasted fresh bread crumbs
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. poultry seasoning
1/4 tsp. black pepper
3/4 c. lower-sodium chicken broth
1 large egg (lightly beaten)
1 fresh or frozen and thawed turkey (12 pounds)
1 tsp. vegetable oil

Step 1: In a medium-size saucepan, melt the butter over moderate heat. Add the onion and cook for 5 minutes or until tender. Remove from the heat. In a very large bowl, combine the corn bread, bread crumbs, baking powder, poultry seasoning, and pepper. Stir in the onion mixture. In a small bowl, whisk together broth and egg. Stir into the corn bread mixture. Toss to coat well.

Step 2: Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. Rinse turkey, drain and pat dry. Remove neck and giblets; set aside to make the Giblet Gravy. Stuff and truss turkey. Place, breast-side-up, on a rack in a large roasting pan. Brush with oil. Insert roasting thermometer in turkey thigh without touching bone. Spoon remaining stuffing into a lightly greased 2-quart casserole; cover and refrigerate.

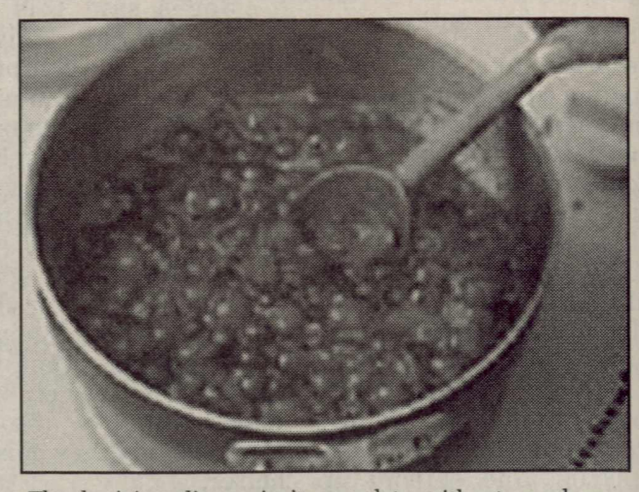
Step 3: Roast turkey for 3 to 3 1/2 hours or until thermometer registers 180 degrees Fahrenheit, basting often and covering with foil to prevent over-browning if necessary. Bake the covered casserole of stuffing alongside turkey during the last 30 minutes of roasting, adding an additional 2 to 3 tablespoons chicken broth if stuffing is dry. Let turkey stand for 15 to 20 minutes before carving.

Step 4: Meanwhile, cook neck and giblets for giblet gravy. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the pan drippings from roast turkey for giblet gravy. Prepare gravy. Carve turkey, discarding skin. Serve turkey and dressing with gravy.

Cooking Lingo for the Kitchen Impaired

t. or tsp. = teaspoon
T. or Tbsp. = tablespoon
c. = cup
zest = shaving of fruits peel
pinch = less than 1/4 of a teaspoon
simmer = not quite boiling
basting = spreading liquid over food
beat until stiff = eggs are not runny when stirred
saute = heat until vegetables are clear and/or soft

Side Dishes



Thanksgiving dinner isn't complete without cranberry, homemade or out of a can. Making cranberries can be complicated, but is made easy with this three step recipe.

Homemade cranberries

(Makes 2 1/2 cups)
Work Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

1/4 cup fresh orange juice
3/4 cup water
1 T. fresh lemon juice
1 cup sugar
1 12 oz. bag of fresh cranberries
1/8 t. kosher salt
zest of one orange
zest of one lemon

Step 1: Over high heat, boil juices and water with sugar for 5 minutes. Stir constantly until sugar dissolves.

Step 2: Add berries, salt and zest. Reduce heat to medium and simmer. Foam will form as berries pop.

Step 3: Cook until it reaches a thickness and texture you like. I prefer mine with a few whole berries.

Fat-free quick cornbread

With the constant advertisements on how to lose that holiday weight, your best bet might be to take the fat out of the meal.

1 c. unbleached flour
1 1/3 c. yellow cornmeal
1 Tbsp. baking powder
1 c. skim milk
2 egg whites
3 Tbsp. butter-flavored granules, reconstituted

Step 1: Coat an 8-inch-square baking pan with nonstick spray. Whisk flour, cornmeal and baking powder in a bowl.

Step 2: In another bowl, whisk milk, egg whites and butter granules. Add milk mixture to dry ingredients and stir just until moistened. Pour batter into pan; spread evenly. Bake at 425 degrees until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool on wire rack for 5 minutes. Remove from pan.

Makes 8 servings.
Recipe from Women.com

Candied Yams and Apples

Cooking time: 23 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Ingredients

3 medium-size sweet potatoes (about 1 1/2 pounds total) or 2 cans (18 ounces each) sweet potatoes, drained and cut up, 2 medium-size tart cooking apples (cored and sliced), 1/3 c. firmly packed light brown sugar, 2 tablespoons apple juice, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice, 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Step 1: Peel and slice fresh sweet potatoes. In a large saucepan, cover the potatoes with water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Lower the heat and simmer, covered, for 8 to 10 minutes or until potatoes are almost tender. Drain. (Or, use canned sweet potatoes.)

Step 2: Meanwhile, in a 12-inch skillet, combine the apple slices, brown sugar, apple juice, butter, allspice, and nutmeg. Bring to a boil over moderate heat. Lower the heat slightly and cook, uncovered, for 3 to 5 minutes or until apples are almost tender and juice mixture is slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Gently stir in the sweet potatoes.

Step 3: Cook, uncovered, for 5 to 10 minutes more or until apples are tender and sweet potatoes are heated through, spooning the juice mixture over potatoes occasionally.

Recipe from *The Reader's Digest*

Furmenty

A wheat pudding

Ingredients

1 c. cracked wheat
1/8 tsp. ground mace
1 quart milk
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
2 egg yolks
3/4 c. milk
1/4 c. brown sugar
1/2 c. heavy cream
1/2 tsp. salt
Add additional brown sugar to taste

Directions

Step 1: In a large pot, bring the water to a boil and add the wheat. Lower heat to simmer, cover, and continue to cook for 1/2 hour, or until, soft.

Step 2: Drain off all the water and add the milk, cream, salt, mace, cinnamon and sugar. Continue to simmer, stirring occasionally, until most of the liquid is absorbed(20 to 30 minutes).

Step 3: In a small bowl, beat the egg yolks and slowly stir 1/2 cup of the wheat mixture into the yolks. Then stir the yolk mixture into the pot, and continue cooking for another 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Serve sprinkled with brown sugar.

Turkey shy?

A few more choices to the traditional turkey dinner

**You want me to make what?!?
Don't worry.
This one's easier.**

Turkey Club Sandwich

The Turkey Club Sandwich offers an alternative for the busy kitchen-impaired college students. The sandwich also provides midnight snacks from leftovers that Mom gives you.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.
Cooking time: 5 minutes.
Makes 4 servings.

Ingredients

4 strips lean bacon (halved)
12 slices home-style white or whole-wheat sandwich bread (toasted)
1/2 c. reduced-fat mayonnaise
8 lettuce leaves
1 large tomato (thinly sliced)
8 ounces thinly sliced cooked turkey breast or chicken breast
8 tiny sweet pickles (optional)
8 pimiento-stuffed green olives (optional)

Step 1: In a 10-inch skillet, cook bacon over moderate heat until crisp. Drain on paper towels; set aside.

Step 2: Spread 1 side of each bread slice with some of the mayonnaise. Place a lettuce leaf on the mayonnaise side of 4 bread slices. Top each with some of the sliced tomato and 2 half-strips bacon. Add another slice of bread, mayonnaise side up. Top with remaining lettuce leaves. Divide turkey among sandwiches. Top with remaining bread slices, mayonnaise side down.

Step 3: Cut sandwiches in half diagonally. Thread a pickle and olive oil (if using) onto each of 8 wooden picks. Poke a pick into each sandwich half.

Recipe from *The Reader's Digest*

There's something in the Gravy

Yield: 2 cups

Ingredients

3 Tbsp. safflower oil or butter
2 Tbsp. grated onion
3 Tbsp. flour (whole-wheat pastry or unbleached white, or a combination)
2 c. vegetable stock or broth
Pinch of dried rosemary
2 Tbsp. soy sauce
Salt, preferably sea salt, to taste
Freshly ground pepper, to taste

Step 1: In a medium-sized saucepan, melt the oil or butter and saute the grated onions for a few minutes. Add the flour to make a roux and cook, stirring, for a few minutes, until just beginning to brown.

Step 2: Slowly pour in the stock or broth, stirring all the while. Stir until thickened, then add the rosemary and simmer gently for 10 minutes, stirring often. Stir in the soy sauce, salt and pepper to taste.

Recipe from Deja.com

Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients

Pumpkin Pie is a traditional, simple dessert idea for Thanksgving.

1 recipe single pie crust
1-1/2 c cooked fresh or canned pumpkin pure
3/4 c. evaporated whole milk
2 large egg yolks
1/2 c. firmly packed dark brown sugar
1/4 c. maple syrup
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter or margarine at room temperature
2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
3 large egg whites

Step 1: Preheat the oven to 375∞F. Make the pie crust fit into a 9-inch pie plate, and make a rope edge.

Tip: For a rope edge, pinch the pastry edge between the thumb and knuckle of your index finger, at a 45∞ angle. Repeat all the way around, placing your thumb each time in the indentation just left by your knuckle.

Step 2: In a large bowl, with an electric mixer on Medium, beat the pumpkin puree, milk, egg yolks, sugar, syrup, butter, and pumpkin pie spice. In a clean medium-size bowl, with clean beaters and the mixer on High, beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold the egg whites into the pumpkin mixture. Pour into the crust.

Tip: For sweet potato pie, substitute 1 1/2 cups fresh, cooked, or canned sweet potato puree for the pumpkin.

Step 3: Bake for 40 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on a rack for 1 hour before serving.

Recipe from *The Reader's Digest*

Turkey Day for Vegetarians

Thanksgiving feasts aren't only for meat eaters. Several tasty recipes have been created for vegetarians that still include the basics with a few added twists. Here's an entire meal, including a yummy turkey substitution.

Ingredients:

For the stuffing:
1 c. dried lentils
1-1/2 onions, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced or put through a press
1 c. raw brown rice
1 c. raw millet
2 Tbsp. safflower or vegetable oil
1 c. chopped almonds, raw cashews, or pecans
1/4 c. sunflower seeds
1/2 c. yellow cornmeal, preferably stone-ground
2 ribs celery, chopped
2 c. broccoli florets, steamed briefly, until bright green
2 tsp. dried leaf sage
2 tsp. ground celery seed
1 Tbsp. tamari, or to taste
Salt, preferably sea salt, and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 c. whole-wheat bread crumbs, more if necessary

For the "turkey" (optional):
1 large cushaw or Chinese squash (about 10 pounds)
1 small head Boston or leaf lettuce, leaves separated, then washed and drained
Turkey feathers
1 small, whole carrot, steamed briefly

Step 1: Cook the lentils, with 1/2 chopped onion and half the minced garlic,*as directed below. Drain and reserve 1 cup of the liquid.
Saute or steam the rice as **directed below.
Saute the remaining onion and garlic in the safflower or vegetable oil, along with the nuts and sunflower seeds, until the onion is tender.

Step 2: Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl, adding more bread crumbs or some of the reserved liquid from the lentils as necessary to make a thick, stiff mixture. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Lentils

Use one part beans to three parts water, with 1 teaspoon salt per cup, or more to taste. Soak the beans in the water for several hours. Set over a high flame, bring to a boil, and add the salt. Cover, reduce the heat, and simmer for 1 or 2 hours, until tender. Saute a chopped onion and some garlic in a little oil. When the oil is tender, add the beans with their water and the salt and proceed as above.

Millet and Brown Rice

Step 1: Use one part rice or millet to four parts water, with 1/2 teaspoon salt per cup of grains. Combine the grains, water, and salt in a large stock pot and bring to a boil. When the water starts to boil, test the rice for tenderness. If you can bite through the kernel the rice is ready to be steamed. Place a colander over another large pot. Drain the grains into the colander and place the pot, now full of hot water, on the stove. Place the colander of grains in the sink. Fill the pot you just drained with cold water and pour over the grains. Rinse two more times.

Step 2: Place the colander of partially cooked, rinsed grains over the pot of hot water on the stove. Bring the water to a boil and cover. Make sure the colander doesn't touch the boiling water, steam for 30 minutes, or until the grains are tender.

Stuffing the squash (step 1): If you are using the squash, set it in a roasting pan with a little water and steam it for about 30 minutes. Rinse in cold water, then, with a sharp knife, cut a semicircular piece out of the "rump" of the squash. (It should be a big enough piece so you can stick your hand or a large spoon inside the squash to remove the seeds and stringy pulp.) Scoop out the seeds and pulp, and brush the insides with butter.

Step 2: Now stuff the squash with as much stuffing as you can squeeze in (putting any leftover stuffing in one or more oiled 1-quart pans). Fit the piece you removed back into its place and set the squash upright in an oiled roaster. If the squash doesn't stand upright, cut a thin horizontal slice off the bottom, taking care not to cut through the rind, so the squash will have a flat surface to rest on.

Step 3: Bake for 1 hour in the preheated oven, along with the pan or pans of extra stuffing. Remove from the oven and place on a platter lined with most of the lettuce leaves. Stick the turkey feathers in the "rump." Attach the steamed carrot to the "head" with toothpicks for the "beak," and make a "comb" out of the remaining lettuce leaves.

Step 4: Surround the "turkey" with leftover stuffing. Once everyone has had a good look, remove the semicircular "rump" and serve the stuffing with the "Gravy" below.

Alternative presentations: Place the stuffing in four 1-quart oiled loaf pans, two well-oiled Bundts, or a large oiled casserole and bake for 1 hour. Unmold from the Bundts onto a platter and surround with colorful steamed vegetables. Or hollow out a pumpkin, fill with the mixture and bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees F. Surround with lush, sensuous vegetables, and serve.

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Arts & Entertainment

Jazz concert to honor Ellington

Ellington

Northwestern State University's Jazz Orchestra will present a tribute to Duke Ellington in the year of the composer's 100th birthday Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Jazz Orchestra is under the direction of NSU Associate Professor of Music Galindo Rodriguez.

The concert will feature trumpeter David Hardin, who was named Northwestern's Alumni Music Educator of the Year. After earning his degree at Northwestern in 1961, Hardin was director of bands at schools in Springhill, Haynesville and Shreveport. In 1981, he became co-owner and eventually owner of Williams Music Company in Shreveport. Hardin sold the company and retired last year.

Associate Professor of Music Tony Smith will also give a presentation on Ellington to explain his extensive contributions to jazz and music in general.

A composer, bandleader and pianist, Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington was recognized in his lifetime as one of the greatest jazz composers and performers. He was nicknamed "Duke" by a boyhood friend who admired his regal air. The name stuck and became indelibly associated with the finest creations in big band and vocal jazz.

Ellington used instrumental combinations, improvisation and jazz arranging to bring the world the unique sound that found expression in works like "Mood Indigo" and "Sophisticated Lady."

The orchestra will perform those two works along with other popular Ellington works including "In A Mellow Tone," "Satin Doll," and "Take The A Train."

Also on the program are "That Old Black Magic" by Johnny Mercer and Harold Arlen, "Moten Swing" by Buster and Benny Moten, Frank Foster's "Booze Brothers," "It's Oh So Nice" and "The Heat is On" by Sammy Nestico and "Allison's Tune" by Steve Sample.

The orchestra includes Daniel Guyton of Ruston, Wesley Hattaway of Calhoun, Joshua Price of Beaumont, Randel Babin of Houma, Mike Gibson of Garland, Tx, Justin Grayson and Cory Nichols of Natchitoches and Ken Miller of Vero Beach, Fla.

Other orchestra members are Trent Gunter of White House, Tx, Jackie White of Garland, Tx, Louis Sanchez of Houston, Wes Hardy of Minden and Clifton Walker of Longview, Tx.

Also in the orchestra are Matt Harris of Shreveport, Patrick Bordelon and Tran Woods of Baton Rouge, Benjamin Andrus of Scott, Ben Pyatt of St. Louis, Geoffrey Wilson of Bossier City, Doug Gay of Lake Charles, Wayne Marsh of Altanta, Texas and faculty member Jeff Mathews.

photo by Gary Hardamon

Steel Magnolias opens Thursday and will run unti Sunday. The story centers around the friendship of six women in a town resembling Natchitoches. From left are Jena Westbrook, Amy Magouirk and Amy Lynne Houck.

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10. Daughter of Fortune, Isabel Allendale

Robbie Williams- morethan the average teen idol

Raechal Leone
A&E Editor

When I bought the new Robbie Williams CD, *The Ego Has Landed*, I expected that the CD would be fun to listen to when I wanted music that I didn't have to think about. I expected commercial songs like "Millenium," the first single from the album, and maybe a few ballads similar to "Angels," Williams' current single. It turns out that I was right about the commercialized songs (think, N'Sync, Will Smith), but I underestimated the depth of the album.

Because Williams is a former member of Take That, a British version of the Backstreet Boys, and already has teen idol status in England, I assumed he would operate in the same way as other teen idols. I predicted that he was given songs to sing, coached on how to sing them and told which to put on albums.

The first thing that proved me wrong were the CD liner notes which listed Williams as executive producer and writer of all but one song on *The Ego Has Landed*.

It's obvious that these songs are anything but manufactured, they are actually Williams pouring his heart out to listeners. True, sometimes the lyrics reflect immature thinking, but at least these are actually his feelings. After listening to the CD, I felt like I knew more about Williams than about some of my friends.

For one thing, the listener should immediately pick up on the fact that he has been hurt in relationships with women. Although at least one song on an album usually reflects this, there are at least three on this CD.

"No Regrets" is sarcastic and darkly funny, while "Killing Me" is more of a lamentation. Williams still cares about the woman, even though she is hurting him. A strong contrast, "Karma Killer" almost sounds like it was written by a psychotic killer ("You could prop up the bar in hell"). It seems hard to believe that the same man wrote all these songs, because the attitude behind the lyrics varies so much.

In "She's the One" and "One of God's Better People" Williams writes classic lines from love poems- "I'd die without you," etc. He hardly seems like someone who would say "I hope you choke on your Bacardi and Coke," but he does.

However, Williams himself gives us a hint as to why his emotions go from one extreme to another. In "Strong" for sure, and in my opinion, "Man Machine," he tells of experiences with alcohol. I have to assume that the nice, sober Robbie wrote the ballads and optimistic pop songs, and that drunk, angry Robbie wrote the rest. Since I haven't been a fan for long, maybe he is a recovering alcoholic and I just don't know about it, but I am willing to bet tnat he is a heavy drinker. Of course, that is probably a good thing in this case because without the vengeful songs, the album may be a little bland.

The blandness, of course, would be due to annoying songs like "Let Me Entertain You" and "Old Before I Die" that should not have been allowed on an otherwise emotional album. The songs do not fit the style or depth of the rest of the CD, and at best, could serve as an album filler for the boy band Five.

Surprisingly, there are two songs that mention religious figures in the title and one about angels, which was my favorite. "Jesus in a Camper Van" and "One of God's Better People" make Willimas out to be considerably religious. Aside from just a name thrown in to make a pop ballad sound more sincere (N'Sync's "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time On You"), religion is rarely mentioned by today's typical teen idols. Of course, after listening to *The Ego Has Landed*, I realized that Robbie Williams is anything but a typical teen idol.

I would suggest Robbie Williams' *The Ego Has Landed* to people who like pop a little deeper than Britney Spears, but don't want to do too much thinking. Listening to this album is like taking a short vacation from your problems and listening to Williams'.

photo by Gary Hmardamon

The Theatre Program's version of Steel Magnolias will runWednesday, Nov. 11 unti Sunday, Nov. 15. Cast members agree that the play will differ from the popular film, but the audience will still be able to relate to the characters. From left are Jena Westbrookas "Clairee," Kayla LeMarie as "Ouiser" and Amy Lynne Houck as "Truvy." See the complete story on the front page.

"*The Bone Collector*" debuts No. 1 at box office

"*The Bone Collector*," the new thriller starring Angelina Jolie and Denzel Washington, nabbed the No. 1 spot at the box office this weekend.

Jolie portrays a rookie cop trying to capture a serial killer and Washington takes the role of her love interest in the film, which grossed $17.2 million in the first three days of its release.

Between *"The Bone Collector,"* *"Double Jeopardy"* and the upcoming *"The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc,"* Hollywood seems to have embarked on a new trend: strong female characters, rather than high schoolers, may be making a comeback.

Chris o'Donnell's new film, a remake of *"The Bachelor,"* brought in $8 million in its debut weekend, despite awful reviews. The movie, which the studio is dubbing "a sweet date movie," has O'Donnell's character losing $100 million if he doesn't get hitched.

Expectedly, *"The House on Haunted Hill"* fell from the No. 1 position after one week. Hill landed at No. 3, still bringing in $7.8 million. The thriller is very similar to the summer movie, *"The Haunting,"* in that it puts strangers in a haunted house to see if they can survive the night. *"The Haunting"* had the victims unknowingly participating in a study of fear, but this version has the main characters trying to stay alive for money.

File Photo

Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie star in the No. 1 weekend box office movie *The Bone Collector*, a thriller about a female cop trying to capture a serial killer.

The tobacco industry expose' *"The Insider"* took advantage of early buzz to win the No. 4 spot in it's first weekend. Russell Crowe and Al Pacino star in the drama, which is already being considered a hot Oscar contender. *"The Insider,"* based on the true story of Jeffrey Wigand and the story he told to *60 Minutes* newsmagazine producer Lowell Bergman, had ticket sales of $7 million.

The No. 5 weekend box office spot belonged to a film with unpredicted staying power, *"Double Jeopardy."* The movie passed the $100 million mark Friday and earned an additional $4.5 million over the weekend, making a 45-day total of $104.5 million.

Taye Diggs and N… Long star in *"The Best Ma…* which held the No. 6 spot … the weekend box office. T… film, about friends reuniti… for a wedding, took in $4… million.

"American Beauty" f… from No. 4 to No. 7 a… earned $3.3 million, maki… its 54-day total of $58.9 m… lion.

"The Sixth Sense" … another movie with unpr… dicted staying power, he… the No. 8 spot and brou… in $3.2 million. *"The Si… Sense"* now has a 94-d… total of $264.1 million and … ranked as the 12th bigge… grossing domestic film of … time.

"Music of the Hear… based on the true story o… school's struggle to ke… music in schools, fell fo… places to No. 9. Desp… excellent reviews, a ca… including Meryl Streep a… Angela Basset and a hit ti… song by N'Sync, *"Music … the Heart"* earned only … million over the weekend. Brad Pitt's latest, *"Fig… Club,"* is still not living up … media expectations a… claimed tenth pla… Earning $2.5 million ov… the weekend, *"Fight Club"* … 24-day total now stands a… meager $32 million.

Taylor overshadows Gamecocks, 35-7

'The Tiger' breaks scoring record set by Clarence Matthews

Cade Brumley
Sauce Reporter

NSU running back Tony Taylor carries for 170 yards and three touchdowns as the Northwestern State Demons torched the Jacksonville Gamecocks 35-7 in Southland Conference action Saturday in Turpin Stadium.

Coming off an emotional win in last week's game, NSU head coach Sam Goodwin became the winningest coach in Demon history.

NSU would draw first blood on their first offensive possession. Taylor scampered in for a four-yard touchdown run with 8:41 remaining in the first quarter. This would be the only score in the first quarter.

"I try to go out every game and play as hard as I can," voiced Taylor.

Then, with three seconds gone in the second quarter, set up by a 25-yard Taylor run, Troy Sumrall pounded the ball one-yard into the end zone for the Demon score.

Sumrall would leave the game with 29 yards due to an injury. He is questionable for next week's game and the season.

The final score of the first half came with 10:50 remaining. Taylor sliced and diced his way in for the score.

The Gamecocks could not get their hands on him during this 20-yard score. Sanford added the extra point. Sanford drilled all five of his extra point attempts in the outing.

"I can't praise my offensive line enough. I give credit to those guys," stated Taylor.

The Demons would take a 21-0 lead into the half.

The first score of the second half came with 11:58 left in the third. Gamecock wide receiver Joey Hamilton pulled down a 36-yard completion from quarterback Tim Gallahan.

Hamilton would finish with 103 receiving yards. Jacksonville split time at the quarterback position between Gallahan and Reggie Stancil. They combined for 212 yards through the air.

"They have a good receiving core and good quarterback and it was a good showing for the defense to come out and try to shut them out, but it just didn't happen," voiced Demon defensive back Mike Green.

Green, along with two other Demons, had interceptions in the game.

"I thought our defense played an outstanding game," said Goodwin.

NSU answered back with 1:00 remaining in the third quarter as quarterback Brad Spangler completed a 34-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Daniel Morgan.

Spangler threw for 129-yards off 19 attempts and 11 completions, with one interception to end the game.

The final score came with 3:23 remaining in the game, as Taylor darted in for a three-yard score. Taylor broke the NSU single-season touchdown record with 15 this year. He has 1,199 yards, making him the second al time single season rusher.

Taylor needs 185 yards to become the number one single season rusher in Demon history. Clarence Matthews held the touchdown record before Taylor with 13. Taylor's 222 rushing attempts are second behind Matthews 230 rushing attempts in 1995.

The Demons will be on the road next week as they travel to play Sam Houston State.

photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior middle linebacker Jake Michel catches a pick in Saturday's game against Jacksonville State. The Demons caught three interceptions thrown by the Gamecocks and won the game 35-7.

Demons look for fifth win of year with Sam Houston

Northwestern televised on Fox Sports Net; tries to hinder losses on the road

Kris Collinsworth
Sports Editor

With four wins under their belt, The Northwestern State Demons look for their fifth as they take on the Sam Houston State Bearkats at Bowers Stadium.

This will be the third televised game for the Demons this year, and the second time the game will be aired on Fox Sports Net.

The Demons have won the past four games televised by Fox Sports Net. Northwestern beat Southwest Texas 36-21 this season, and walloped McNeese 14-10 last season.

The last two came against Stephen F. Austin in a 38-24 victory and 17-10 tussle for Chief Caddo.

Northwestern State has met the Bearkats for 16 straight seasons with the Demons winning 14 of 21 games played. The Demons have also won their last six skirmishes.

The Purple Swarm ranks 13th in I-AA football, allowing only 277.9 yards per game.

Northwestern is also ranked 20th nationally in pass efficiency defense, letting their opponents have 98.5 yards per game.

The Demons will face the Southland Football League top quarterback, Bearkat Chris Chaloupka.

Chaloupka tops the list for total offense with 274 yards per game, 270 yards per game passing, and a pass efficiency of 159 yards per game.

Northwestern will balance out the attacks with sophomore tailback Tony Taylor. Taylor has had eleven 100-yard game in his past 17 starts.

Last week Taylor broke a 41-year old scoring record held Charlie Tolar, as well as the single season record for most touchdowns in the game.

Taylor is eight carries shy of break the record set by Clarence Matthews in 1995 and is 185 yards away from breaking the single season record for rushing yards also set by Matthews.

Also leading the offensive charge will be senior quarterback Brad Spangler.

Spangler stands as the only quarterback to post three 300-yard games in his career.

Since getting in to the lineup, Spangler has led the Demons on 21 of its 57 possessions.

Spangler's statistics set with 54 completions on 119 attempts, eight interceptions for 825 yards.

The flaws of the Demon's charge are still undecided.

The Demons have committed three turnovers in there past four home games but have made 25 turnovers on the road this year.

Northwestern will also be looking for their first road win this season.

Freshman cornerback Terrence McGee ranks 19th in Divison I-AA in interceptions posting an average of .5 per game.

Among the records Northwestern looks to topple is the season winning streak record in conference. With four notched under their belt, the Demons will attempt a 6-5 record to make six winnings seasons.

Kickoff for Saturday is set for 11 a.m. at Huntsville, Texas.

photo by Gary Hardamon

Sophomore tailback Tony Taylor lacks 185 yards from breaking the single-season rushing yard total. He recently broke a 41-year-old scoring record held by former Demon fullback Charlie Tolar. Kickoff for Saturday's game against Sam Houston is set for 11 a.m. in Huntsville, Texas.

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SPORTS

BRIEFS

Huskies first in AP preseason poll

Defending national championship Connecticut was the No. 1 team in the Associated Press' preseason college basketball poll Monday, with Cincinnati and Michigan nipping the Huskies heels.

Connecticut, who went 34-2 in winning the school first national title last season and have three starters returning, received the 21 first-place votes and 1669 points from the national media panel.

Cincinnati received 19 first-place vote and 1630 point, 23 more than Michigan State.

Since 1980, four teams ranked No.1 in the preseason poll have gone on to win the national championship: North Carolina in 1982, UNLV in 1990, Duke in 1992 and Kentucky in 1996.

Williamson grasps NL Rookie of the Year

Scott Williamson, not even on the Cincinnati Reds roster when spring training began, was overwhelmingly elected National Rookie of the Year on yesterday.

Williamson, 12-7 with a 2.41 ERA and 19 saves, received 17 first-place votes, nine seconds and six thirds for 118 points.

Florida outfielder Preston Wilson was second, getting nine first-place votes, 11 seconds and 10 thirds for 88 points.

Pittsburgh second baseman Warren Morris got six firsts, 10 seconds and nine thirds for 69 points.

Warren is a LSU graduate.

Knicks hand Bucks first loss

Latrell Sprewell ripped a 3-pointer with 7.9 seconds left in regulation while Marcus Camby contributed 23 points and 13 rebounds as the Knicks beat the Buck 111-101 in overtime.

The Knicks trailed 97-92 with 55 second on the clock when Sprewell got a foul on Ervin Johnson. Sprewell mailed both shots drawing the score within three.

After misses from J.R. Reid and Allan Houston, Johnson threw the ball to Charlie Ward.

Ward took the ball to the three-point line and dish it Sprewell, who the tie breaker from the right wing.

SGA VS. SAB Flag Football Wednesday

The members of Student Government Association will humiliate the Student Activities Board this Wednesday under the lights of Turpin Stadium. The game will start at 6 p.m.

This is the second year the competition has been scheduled. Sab canceled the game last year due to a lack of courage.

Please check with the office of student activities for official times at 6511.

Volleyball seniors faced tough competition

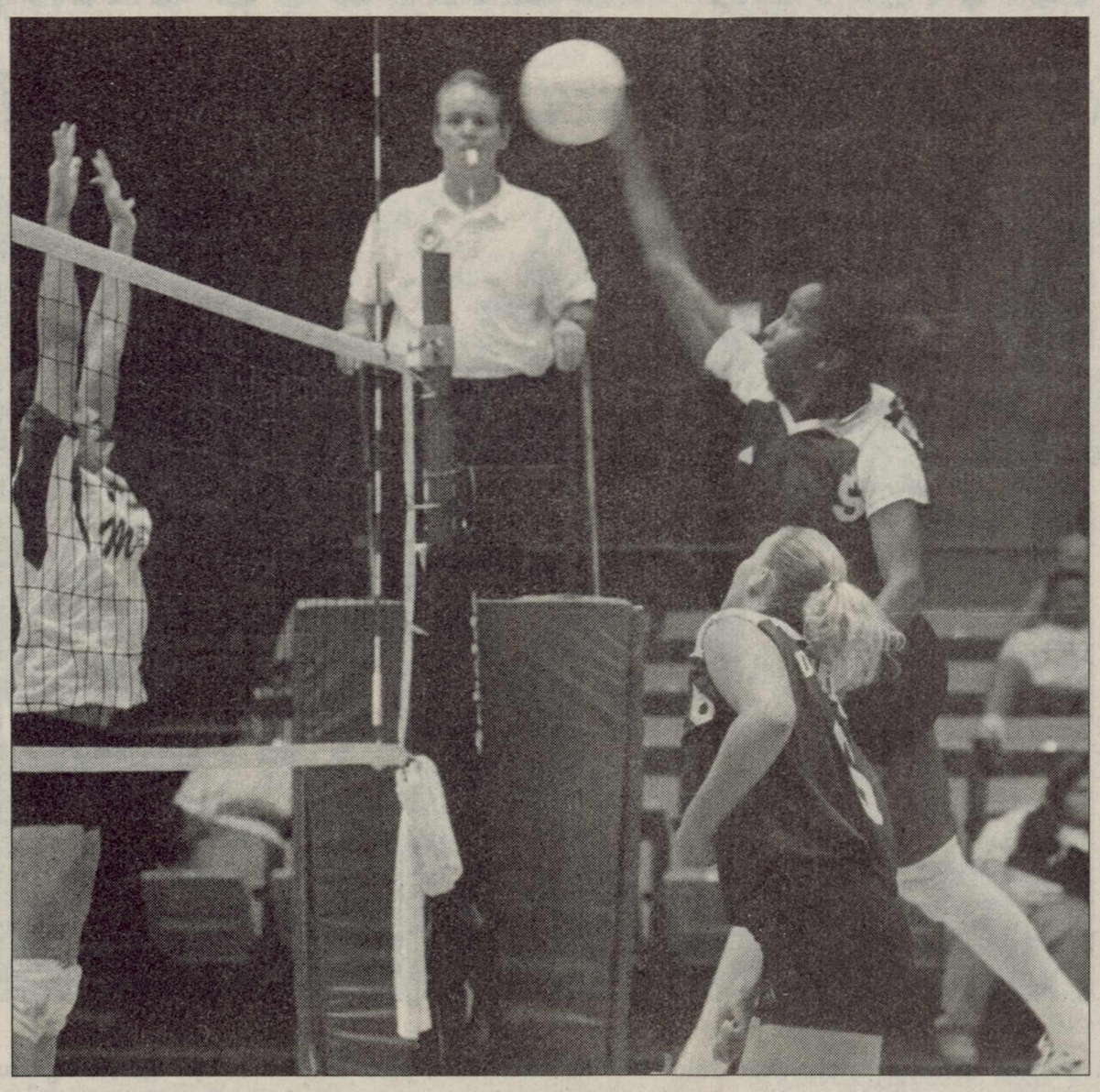

photo by Gary Hardamon

April George attempts to spike the ball over the net in Saturday's 3-1 loss to the McNeese State Cowgirls. The Demons will travel to Southeastern Louisiana and Nicholls State Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The last volleyball game of the millennium at Prather Coliseum wasn't too festive Saturday night.

The Demons celebrated Senior night as Kim Hand and Lori Dyer ended their home volleyball careers at NSU. Unfortunately, nobody clued in the McNeese State Cowgirls. McNeese came into the contest boasting a 19-7 record and 10-6 in conference, and they showed why after a 3-1 win over the Demons.

NSU dropped to 10-18 overall and 3-15 in the conference.

The Demons came out of the gate on fire, winning the first set 15-13. However, McNeese came back in the second set and went on to take the next two sets 12-15, 13-15 and 7-15. The match lasted two hours.

In Hand's final home game, she, along with Elizabeth Perez, helped the cause for the Demons with 10 kills. Demon Loren Thorman led the match with her attack rate of .478 and added 13 kills.

Lisa Abner's 16 kills led the Demons while right behind her was April George with 14.

McNeese rallied past NSU thanks to the 21 kills by Anissa Parker. Stacy Gaston also added 15 to help McNeese, who posted a .20 attack percentage. Cowgir Lisa Lombardo padded tha statistic with a .426 percent age of her own.

McNeese's 11-6 confer ence record is good enough to put the Cowgirls in 4t place, which is enough t receive a bid to the confer ence tournament. As o right now, the Demons ar in ninth place, currentl ahead of Nicholls and UL Monroe.

Five teams hav clinched a berth in the tour nament, UTSA, SFA, S Texas, McNeese and UTA The last spot is being bat tled between Lamar an Sam Houston Northwestern has not mad the conference tournamen since 1990.

The Demons will finis off their season where the started it; on the road. NS travels to Louisiana Tec tonight, followed b Southeastern Louisiana an finally wrapping up the sea son against Nicholls.

The last time th Demons faced the Lad Techsters was an early-sea son September 3rd matchu which the Demons won ea ily 3-1. The Demons als handily defeated bot Southeastern Louisiana an Nicholls state earlier las month, 3-0 and 3-1 respec tively.

New basketball coach, new basketball season

Mike McConathy takes the helm for the 1999-2000 Demon basketball season

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

When the 1998-99 basketball season started last year for the NSU Demons, not much was expected from them.

With the team having to replace six graduating senior and dealing with brand new talent, the Demons were picked to finish near the bottom of the pack in the Southland conference standing.

How quickly things change.

No one but the team itself expected to battle for a spot in the post-season tournament. The Demons finished seventh in the conference race with a record of 11-15 overall and 8-10 in the conference play.

Now, with a new head coach and a young backcourt, this year's Demon squad is looking to record the first winning season since 1993 and a place in the conference tournament.

They'll get their first opportunity this Thursday when the Demons open the exhibition season against the VASDA USA team. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 PM in Prather Coliseum.

Last year, VASDA snuck out of Prather with a victory 82-79. The Demons let a 12-point lead late in the second half slip away.

McConathy has no intentions of letting history repeat itself this year. His team returns a very talented but "very undersized, guard-heavy lineup" as quoted by Blue Ribbon magazine.

But McConathy also gets an experienced bunch, as the Demons graduated no seniors this year and only had one starter leave the team. Forward Amidd Sardinea was declared academically ineligible during the off-season.

The core of the Demon offense will rely on their guards. 6-3 junior Alann Polk, who led the Demons with a 36% 3-point percentage, will be the key for NSU. Polk provided leadership and poise to a young squad last year which had no seniors. He started 23 out of the 26 games and scored a career-best 25 points against eventual conference champion Southwest Texas.

Around Polk will be junior guard Josh Hancock and sophomore Ryan Duplesis. Hancock saw plenty of action last season, staring 20 games and led the Demons in assists.

His job will be to lead the Demons into their half-court offense. Duplesis made a huge impact last year as a true freshman. Duplesis averaged 9.6 points a game and is the highest scoring freshman in NSU history.

Along with Polk, Duplesis and Hancock, another guard figures into the picture. Brent Shropshire brings explosiveness from the bench and is as close to automatic from the free throw line as can be. Shropshire led the team in free throw percentage at 96%, hitting 37 of 43.

The NSU front court should fare much better this season. Senior transfer Will Burks should carry most of the load in the paint for NSU.

Leading the Demons last year in rebounds with 6.8 per game, Burks also had 31 steals and 31 assists. The Demons will also get scoring from swingman Richard Taylor. While injured for a good portion of the season, Taylor came up big late in the season for the Demons, giving them an excellent defender in the paint.

McConathy's fast-paced offense should fit well with a young, explosive Demon team.

The Demons will probably run the ball more and try to wear out opposing team Also expect the 3-pointers t rain often in Prather "Expect the Demons to liv and die along the perim ter," says Blue Ribbon.

All NSU home basket ball games are free to stu dents with valid NSU ID After the VASDA exhibition NSU will go on the road fo two games before comin home to face Louisian College November 23.

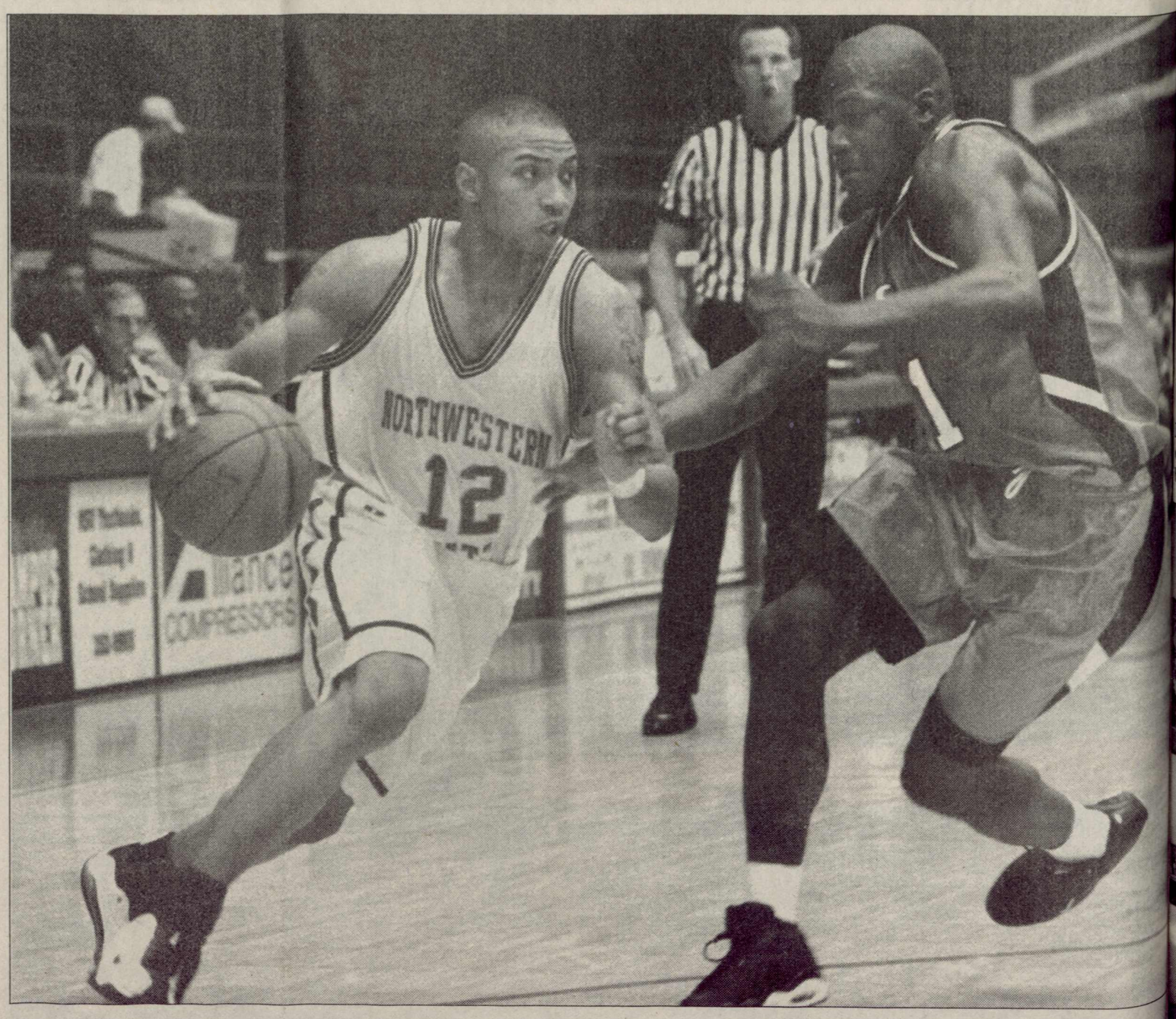

photo by Gary Hardamo

Junior guard Alann Polk will be one of six returners on the 1999-2000 Northwestern State Demo Basketball team. The Demons will be in action Thursday when they take on VASDA USA in an exhibitio game. Tip off is set at 7:35 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

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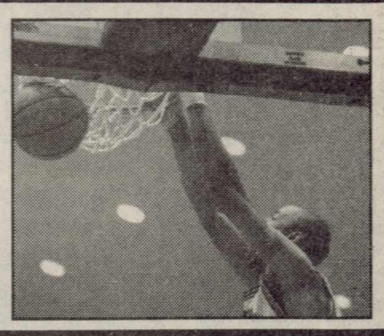

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Male Yell Leaders face punishment because of member's opinion

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

Male Yell Leaders may be suspended due to the backlash regarding a story in last week's *Current Sauce* about weight limits of the female squad members.

Vicki Parrish, spirit organizations sponsor, is disappointed by the comments made by one of the male cheerleaders in reference to the weight of female members of the squad. Ace, as he was referred to last week, said that drastic weight changes are an issue in any sport.

"If you play football and your weight drastically changes, the coach is not going to spare your feelings... they have expectations of you," Ace stated.

Ace asked to remain anonymous because of the backlash associated with someone coming forward with a case as this one.

Parrish thinks that the trust broken within the squad can have dangerous effects on the members.

"When these girls mistrust guys, like this, those guys hold their lives in their hands," Parrish said. "If a guy is standing behind a young girl, and he puts his hands on her waist to lift her up; and if she is not focusing totally on what she is doing, she could be in danger."

Trust is an issue with team members also.

"If you can't trust one of your teammates then you really don't need them," said Melissa Zande, a veteran member of the Yell Leaders.

Parrish commented to *Current Sauce* reporter, Larry Collins, in a Saturday afternoon conversation that Ace should come forward or she would be forced to kick all of the male members off of the squad.

However, Parrish notified the Current Sauce, after the conversation, that she did not want the information publicized.

"I don't want what I decide to do as a punishment or whatever to be anything the student body needs to know about," Parrish said. "I think that has to be specific to the situation and to the students that we deal with."

Zande does not think suspension is the right course.

"I don't think suspending every male for what one person said... I don't [think] that's right."

In an attempt by the *Current Sauce* to obtain further clarification, Parrish said she would deny that the conversation took place.

"If you're going to put it in the paper, I will tell you right now I never had a discussion with Larry," Parrish said. "How about that?"

Zande did not agree with Ace coming forward but did say he was within his rights.

"I think that this Ace person went kind of far taking it to the *Current Sauce*, but he has every right to speak how he feels."

Parrish also added that Ace's anonymity bothers her because she thinks the problem could have been worked out.

"It does bother me that one person won't come forward and speak; and that they wouldn't come and talk to me; and that they wouldn't talk to their partner, take them out to dinner and sit down and say, look I really got a problem," Parrish said.

Tuesday's article **Cheerleaders face weight limit,** referred to a couple of the top cheerleading programs' rules pertaining to weight. National cheerleading champions, University of Kentucky, does impose a weight limit for its members, but has precautions against eating disorders. Florida State cheerleader, Lollie Aulet, said that there was not a weight limit in place.

"Cheerleading is an activity that involves lifting someone or being lifted overhead," said Jim Lord, executive director of the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors. "From a safety standpoint, there has to be a reasonable balance between the base and the top."

Editor's Note: Due to concerns for the male cheerleaders, the *Current Sauce* decided to run the story in hopes that the male members will not be forced to quit.

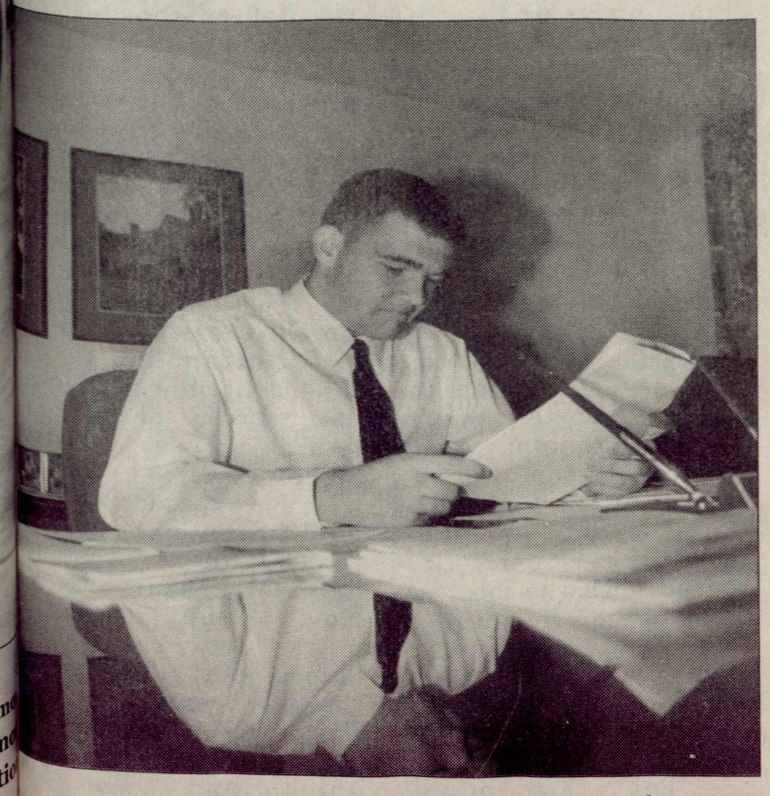

Photo by Heath Crawford

Chris Hill, a freshman physical education major, switched roles Nov. 12 with University President Randall Webb as part of a raffle sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

Hornsby vetoes AAC proposal

Josh Beavers
Managing Editor

A grant proposal passed during the Nov. 8 Student Government meeting has been vetoed by SGA President Shawn Hornsby.

The motion, brought forth by the African American Caucus, called for the allocation of $2,000 of the SGA budget to pay for members of the AAC to attend the Southwest Black Student Leadership Conference on the campus of Texas A&M University in January.

The motion was first brought before the Senate on Oct. 25 by AAC President Christopher Joffrion in the form of an outlined budget of approximately $3,700 for 35 of his organization's members and three advisers to attend the conference. Discussion and voting was tabled until the next week's meeting.

During the following week's meeting, the motion was reintroduced and voted down by the Senate.

"I thought that it was too much money because the Senate did not know enough information about the resources they had in their treasury or from fund-raising," junior SGA senator Joni Naquin said. "If I had know more about the organization I may have voted differently."

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>
> Shawn Hornsby
> SGA President

The following week the AAC tried again with a revised plan that called for $2700, which would pay the travel costs of 20 members. After that motion failed, $1,219, then $979. This was voted down as well. Finally, the $2,000 for travel was passed by the Senate.

"We were extremely happy with the what was voted for us," Joffrion said. "We never asked for the SGA to pay for the entire trip. We asked for was approximately half and we were prepared to pay the other half through means of our own."

One day after the motion's passing, Hornsby issued the veto because he felt it was not in the best interest of the University as a whole.

"I feel that the $2,000 that was voted to them could be used for a better purpose," Hornsby said. "I'm not saying that their request was unimportant, but instead of giving one organization such a large sum, we can disperse that money to several organizations."

Over the past three years the SGA has set only set aside $2,000 for organizational grants. It has been a rule that only $200 would be given for any one organization.

Joffrion argued this stipulation and felt that a new system for helping organizations should be enacted.

"The student government is supposed to be for the students," Joffrion said. "If the students ask for money or other help, then I see no reason why students cannot get this money from an organization that we fund and that we nominate and elect representatives into."

Joffrion went on to say that he will confer with his officers and adviser as to a new course of action. If it is at all possible he would like to take his case before the University Supreme Court.

Hornsby maintains, however, that he was perfectly within his power to veto this and any other bill that he deems unfit.

"I have conferred with advisers and the Supreme Court and I am definitely within my rights as SGA president," Hornsby said. "I am more than willing to entertain a motion for a lesser amount."

Spring registration is in full swing

Freshmen must first undergo academic advising before signing up

Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

Registration for the Spring 2000 semester began last week, but as upperclassmen are able to register easily through the Internet or phone, freshmen have to see their adviser.

Many upperclassmen see this as a good opportunity for the freshmen.

"I think all freshmen should see their adviser," said Sara DeBroeck, junior Anthropology major. "All my classes are twisted around now, and I wish I had a good adviser as a freshmen. It would have helped me out a lot."

Besides helping students early in their college career, academic advising encourages students to remain in school.

"(Advising) helps with the retention process," Dr. Dean Hatley, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said. "If the student bonds with the department, organization, or a teacher early in their college career, the less likely a student has a tendency to drop out."

The biggest benefit academic advising provided for freshmen is scheduling. A freshmen is told early on what the core classes are and what is required for their major.

"The professional and academic advising helps students move from out of their core classes into their academic department," Hatley said. "A basic reason for the advising is for students to make a connection with their department and create a bond between the student and the department", Hatley said. "It also helps the department know what the student is taking," he said.

Some freshmen seem to agree.

"Without my adviser I wouldn't know what to take," said Jacob Doucet, freshman general studies major. "I think I need to see my adviser."

"My adviser helps me to decide which order to take my classes in," said Shana Shirley, freshman Social Work major. "Although I can see how some people might not have time and the phone or Internet would be better for them."

"I think they helped me out a lot and the more I got to know my adviser, the more she really helped me," said Erin Carigee, freshmen Nursing major. "I like my adviser a lot and she really did help me in my field."

However, some freshmen don't agree.

"I think Freshmen should be able to have the same privileges as the upperclassmen," said J.P. Fitzmorris, freshman biology major. "It's just a huge hassle."

Students can register through their department Nov. 15-19 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Freshmen should contact their major department regarding registration appointments and guidelines for their major.

President for a day deemed a success

Lacy Chism
Sauce Reporter

University President Randall Webb and Freshman Chris Hill, winner of the raffle for President for a Day, switched places on Nov. 12.

The raffle was sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Head Start Program offered at the University.

Hill and Webb had met the day before to discuss Friday's schedule. Webb was to attend a math class and a fine arts lecture.

Hill's day was to be more hectic. He was scheduled to review some papers pertaining to the University and attend some meetings. He attended the Facilities Use Committee meeting.

"I felt nervous about Friday. I didn't quite know what to expect," Hill said on the day's events.

After this, both Webb and Hill were scheduled to attend a working luncheon at Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brittain's home here in Natchitoches.

Though the day was planned, there were still a few surprises. Such political leaders as state Sen. Mike Smith.

Natchitoches Mayor Joe Sampite called Hill while he was on the job. He also had interviews with KNTS, the local television station, and the Alexandria Town Talk. He also toured the campus as part of his day. Though things were hectic, he commented that the staff really helped him.

"Miss Louise, Miss Vie and Mr. Crew really made me feel at home," Hill said. "They are the best staff. It is unbelievable how well they work together."

Webb majored in mathematics at the University so he said he felt right at home in the class.

Webb revisited such areas as parallel lines, perpendicular lines and slope intercept. He also brought a stack of his business cards with him to hand out to students in case they ever have any problems on campus.

"I thought the teachers did an excellent job, and the students were responsive," Webb said. "It feels good to know that the quality of teaching here at NSU is still as strong as it ever was."

Webb was scheduled to attend Hill's English 1010 class, but as luck would have it, the class was canceled. After math in Kyser Hall, Webb made his way to the fine arts building where he attended Hill's fine arts class taught by Vicki Parrish.

Here Webb learned about the Greek classical period, Roman civilization and the Roman Republic and Empire.

Webb said that he had wanted to switch places with a student for a long time to get a better idea of what students go through on a day-to-day basis.

Hill said he definitely plans to enter the raffle the pageant next year.

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News

Visiting family is top priority for most students during Thanksgiving

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

There are some students on campus that can go home most every weekend.

Since they live close to their homes or they go to school in-state, it's easier to see their families more than once every few months.

The closer they are, the more they can go home. But what about the students that are out-of-state or out of the country? These are students that may not get the chance to go home as often as they'd like.

Thanksgiving break starts this Saturday. It will give these students a chance to be with their families or just take a trip somewhere with friends.

Emily Norton, sophomore, is from Flower Mountain, a suburb of Dallas. She plans to go home and see a Stars hockey game.

"I also want to go to Six Flags, if it's open and do some shopping," Norton said.

Senior Kim Hand is from Chesterton, Indiana and says that she just wants to take a nice break from school and volleyball.

"I'm just going to my grandparent's house for Thanksgiving and to a Pacers game," said Lisa Aliner, a sophomore from Indianapolis, Indiana. "I'm just going to be happy to see my family because it's been awhile."

Freshman Jeanette Baldwin is going home to Franklin Tennessee for the first time in four months. "I'm just going to see my family and have a big turkey dinner. I'm really excited about going home. It's so hard being away from home."

For some students in states closer to school, Thanksgiving break is about time to spend with family and just relax, eat a big meal, or hunt.

"I'm going to eat a lot and relax and get school off my mind," said Daniel Morgan, a sophomore from Kilgore, Texas.

"I'll probably hunt a little bit and eat a lot," said Jeremy McCullough, a senior from Nashville, Arkansas.

Freshman Ruston Ueckert from Texarkana, Arkansas says he also plans to eat with his family and visit with his friends as well as go hunting.

Kelvin Sherrod is a junior from Columbus, Mississippi who transferred from East Mississippi Community College.

"I haven't seen my folks since July 4. I plan to visit with my cousins and see some of my favorite coaches from the community college. I'm also going to play with my little 4-year-old nephew. I'm just homesick," Sherrod said.

Some international students plan on taking trips down south to a much warmer climate or in states close by.

"I'm going to Miami to get some sun on the beach and spend some time with my family. I'm also going clubbing on South Beach," said Elizabeth Perez.

Senior Kendra Peters from Sasketchewan, Canada says she plans to go to Texas with some friends and then to Biloxi, Mississippi with her boyfriend.

Hiong Lim from Penang, Malaysia plans to work on her thesis during the holiday and go to a friend's place in Many.

"I'm planning to go to Orlando, Miami and Key West with some friends," said Virginia Gandia from Valencia, Spain. "Spain is too far and I just like to travel. I think those cities are really nice, so I'm going there for break."

"I'm going home to go to Miami and Key West to be with my family," said Pedro Labori from Havana, Cuba. "We have a boat. I'm just going to relax, go to a movie and eat on Turkey Day."

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Spanish Club

Meetings at 3 p.m. every Friday in room 333 of Kyser Hall.

Blue Key

If you signed up for the phone-a-athon please attend.

SIFE

Students in Free Enterprise is sponsoring a seminar "Crash Course on Credit" Wednesday, November 17, 1999, in the Student Union Ballroom at 3:30 p.m. All students are invited to attend.

Student Activities Board

The Student Activities Board will be accepting applications for the position of Secretary / Treasurer. Applications will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 19th at 12:00pm in Rm. 214 of the Student Union. Interviews will be held on Monday, Nov. 29th at 12:00pm.

Sociology and Criminal Justice Club

The Sociology and Criminal Justice Club will meet Wed. Nov. 17 Kyser Room 309.

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the conferenece room

Phi Mu Fraternity

Remember to attend Emerging Leaders tonight at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Thanks to everyone who worked the Steel Magnolias reception! Congratulations to our new initiates! Fill out committee head applications, they are due November 29. Most importantly, don't forget our "sisterhood" after the speaker tonight. Please remember to attend the exchange on Wednesday. Have a wonderful week and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

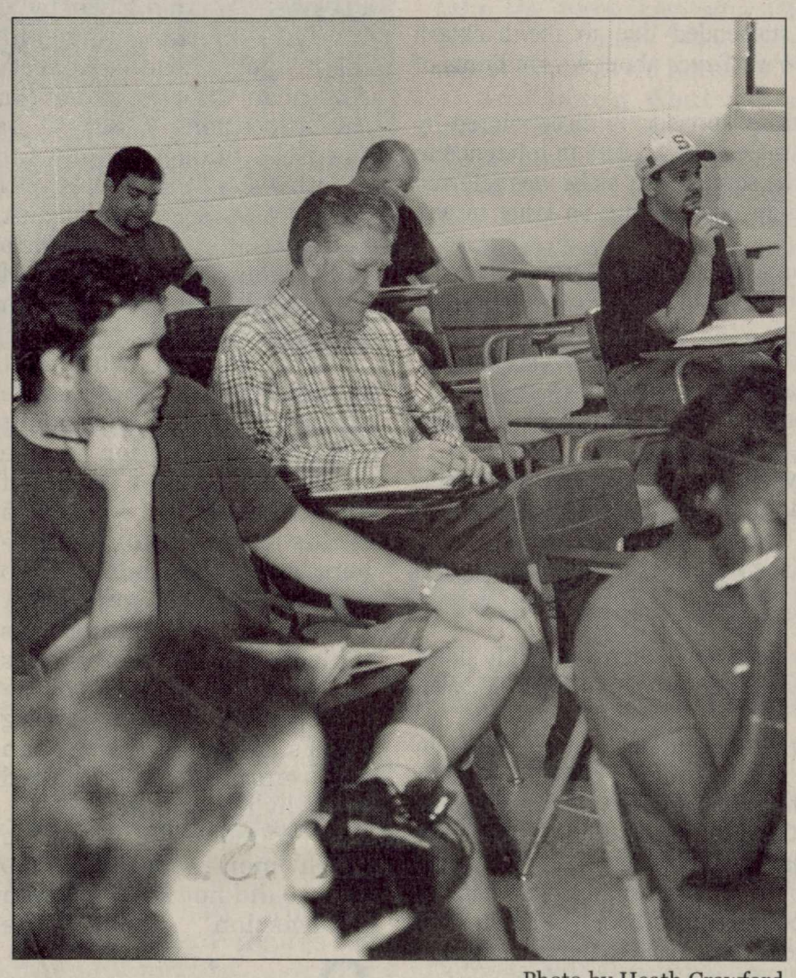

Photo by Heath Crawford
University President Randall Webb takes notes Nov. 12 during a math class. Webb switched roles with Chris Hill, a freshman education major, as part of a raffle sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Head Start program offered at the University.

In the season of thanks we would like to thank all of our faithful readers. The staff of *The Current Sauce* would like to wish all students and faculty a Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe and don't eat too much turkey.

ATTENTION ALL ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations have failed to renew their active status with Northwestern State University's Office of Student Activities and all privileges {including facility use privileges} are revoked until each organization submits the proper paperwork to the Office of Student Activities:

1. Bacchus
2. Beta Gamma Psi
3. Club Geo
4. College Republicans
5. Der Deutsch Klub
6. Fellowship of Christian Athletes
7. Gamma Sigma Alpha
8. Hospitality Management and Tourism Club
9. International Association of Jazz Educators
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NSU students attempt to 'electrify' a vehicle

Lacy Chism
Sauce Reporter

Glenn Moffett and Adam Jannick, assistant professors of the University are leading an attempt to convert an internal combustion engine vehicle to an electric vehicle here at NSU.

Moffett and Jannick, plus about 10 other students, began the task of converting the vehicle approximately three weeks ago. The car frame is a Pontiac mid-80's Fiero, which was donated by a student. The team plans to have the car fully converted and street legal by April.

They also plan to have the car able to go approximately 75 miles, the length of the average commute, on one charge.

The electric vehicle will then be entered into the Sunday Challenge in Florida in late May. This event is a series of tests and races to test the different electric vehicles that are entered and decide whose is the best.

"We decided to do an electric vehicle from a need to have projects for students in the technology fields, and the electric vehicle is already being manufactured by the nation's leading vehicle companies," Moffett said.

Though mostly science and math students are working on the car, other students are not only welcomed, but needed.

"We need anybody and everybody. We need art students to make the vehicle aesthetically pleasing, we need business students, we need people to go to companies for donations. This project is open to everyone," Jannick said.

The electric vehicle is not really a new idea. Nissan has already manufactured an electric vehicle, and it has been in testing for some time.

The electric vehicle will consist of an electric motor and batteries, anywhere from four to 10, that can be charged and then placed back in the car. Northwestern's car will have a 19 horsepower electric motor and 0 deep-cycle batteries. All other parts are being removed.

The expected cost of an electric vehicle, when they become available for purchase, will be $50,000. Though this sounds steep to the average consumer, there are government and rebate programs that have incentives to get consumers to purchase an electric vehicle.

"The United States is heavily dependent upon oil, and this is not a renewable resource. We are slowly running out, and electricity is a readily available alternative fuel," Moffett said.

> ***"It shows NSU cares about the environment."***
> Adam Jannick,
> Assistant professor

Besides the rebates and incentives, there is a projected savings in using the electric vehicles as compared to the internal combustion engine vehicle. According to the website http://www.radix.net, there is a $320 savings a year by using the electric vehicle.

The electricity is cheaper, therefore running the vehicle is cheaper. Maintenance, however, is about the same with either vehicle. With gasoline powered vehicles, you have to have oil changes and other repairs, whereas with the electric vehicle, you have only have to replace the batteries.

The batteries in an electric vehicle cost approximately $800 each change, which is about three to five years.

With over 4,000 electric vehicles on the road today, and more appearing everyday, it is obvious they are going to be a part of the car industry's future.

If anyone is interested in helping convert the internal combustion engine vehicle to an electric vehicle here at NSU, they can contact either Dr. Moffett at 357-4465 or Mr. Jannick at 357-6924. Again, students in all fields are needed.

"By doing this conversion, it helps the school in general. It shows NSU cares about the environment," Jannick said.

Job opportunities await students with the U.S. Census Bureau

Dana Gonzales
Sauce Reporter

The job location office has an unlimited number of job openings thanks to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Right now we have no specified number of openings," Evie Posey, a job location officer at the job location office, said. "Students can become certified with us and then return to their home parish to work for the summer or they can work here."

The census bureau is hiring over 600,000 temporary workers nationwide in an attempt to create the most accurate census ever conducted.

Most students who are hired by the bureau will be used as enumerators.

"The enumerators help people complete the census forms if they're having trouble," Posey said.

In order to qualify for the job openings, students must first enroll with the job location office. To enroll, a resume must be submitted as well as five references. Students then must sign up for a census test.

"The test mainly includes completing forms with personal history information and then a short test on reading and writing skills." Posey said. "They call it testing, but it is more of an enrollment process."

In order to take the test, the student must provide two forms of identification. The job location office has a detailed list of identification forms that are acceptable and students should ensure that their forms of identification meet the bureau's criteria before showing up for the test.

After the testing process, the census bureau will run a background check on potential employees for prior felony convictions. The bureau will then hold a one-day training session on a Saturday. Employees will be paid for this training.

"Right now the lowest pay is $8.25 per hour," Posey said. "When employees travel to an area, they will be paid 31 cents per mile."

The next testing date for census jobs is Nov. 17 but students must be registered before that date with the job location office. The office is located in room 305 of the student union and can be reached at 357-5621.

Rodeo team tries to rope their way to the top

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

The rodeo team continues to be competitive after more than 25 years at the University.

The team's season consists of 10 rodeos, five rodeos each semester. The top two finishers of each event at each rodeo advances to the finals.

"Every year we send people to nationals," said Michael Land, adviser for the rodeo team. "We had a national champion come from here a few years ago."

The team competes in time events, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, breakaway calf roping, goat tying, and barrel racing.

"Our region consists of east Texas, this school, and Lake Charles [McNeese University]," Lane Holland, captain of the rodeo team, said.

Holland also serves as the student director for the region. In addition to his duties as a member of the team, he must attend meetings, work with sponsors, and head up contestants as the student director.

A few years ago, the University discontinued the agriculture department, Land said.

"Since then we have had to move off campus to practice and to keep our horses," Land said. "I think that these kids have more dedication than the average rodeo people."

Land said that the team is responsible for scheduling and running practice, as well as the duties of University students.

The rodeo team is planning for the future Land said.

"We petitioned the Board [University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors] for permission to give out of state fee waivers," Land said.

Land said that this would allow the team to attract more students from Texas and Arkansas.

Currently, the team must travel to all of their rodeos, but that may change.

"We will probably have a rodeo here next year," Land said.

The fall 1999 team members and their events are Wyatt Carney - steer wrestling; Elias - barrel racing, breakaway calf roping, and goat tying; Jay Giblin - steer wrestling; Lee Hixson - steer wrestling and calf roping; Holland - steer wrestling and team roping; Dustin Matthew - steer wrestling; Todd Rachal - team roping; Brandon Taylor - team roping; Amanda Walton - breakaway calf roping and goat tying; and Leslea Woodson - barrel racing.

Holland, Carney, and Elias each rank in the top fifteen for the region respectively for their events said Land. There are about 250 competitors in the region.

"Anyone can be on the team as long as they have a horse," Land said.

Anyone interested in joining the rodeo team should contact Land at 357-5343.

Photo courtesy of Jennings Photography
Lane Holland, captain of the NSU Rodeo Team, wrangles a steer earlier this year at a rodeo competition in Cheyenne, Wyo. The team's season consists of 10 rodeos, with five rodeos each semester.

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Phi Kappa Phi induction ceremony held on Nov. 19

The Northwestern State University Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi held its fall initiation ceremony on Nov. 9.

Phi Kappa Phi is an interdisciplinary honor society which elects members based on superior scholarship and character. The motto of the Society is "Let the love of learning rule humanity."

Students inducted into the society included: Ryan M. Anderson, Joy Louise Artique, Chris Barbo, S. Abigail Bean, Emily Jones Benevage, Crissy R. Bergeron, Crystal Nichole Boggs, L. Michael Callac, Angelique R. Duhon, Dana A. Duhon, Julie Anne Duncan, Donald H. Gervais, Heather J. Jarrell, Lydia Anne Jett, Amy Susanne Johnston, Kirstina D. Kaufman, David Michael Knox, Susan M. Lewis, Jacqueline M. Liles, Mandi Leigh Myers, Karly LaVette Pierre, Danielle P. Reed, Pamela Renee Simmons.

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'What's the point of the U.S. Census?' -- The answer is money

Dana Gonzales
Sauce Reporter

It boasts a multi-million dollar advertising campaign and a new program to involve communities and businesses, but when it comes to the census, people still wonder, 'What's the point?'

The answer is simple --: money.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the distribution of over $100 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds is based on census information. In fact, government budget planning at all levels is directly influenced by the census.

"The main thing for our students to realize is the benefits for the campus that participation can mean," Evie Posey, a job location officer, said. "Budget planning and fund distribution are determined by this. It affects the work study program as well as other campus programs."

One of the major hurdles the bureau faces when conducting a census is participation. One reason people don't participate is they are concerned about the confidentiality of the information provided, Posey said.

"Even the IRS or the FBI, no one can get this information," she said. "This information cannot be used to take away or deny benefits. Someone may be receiving benefits but also working, we cannot provide anyone that information."

The census is conducted in two forms, a short and a long one. The forms will be mailed randomly.

Northwestern has been designated a hard to enumerate area by the bureau, Posey said. This could mean that students have not been adequately represented in the past due to failure to respond. Such misrepresentation can lead to lack of funding.

Other ways that the census is used are:

- Reapportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Drawing federal, state and local legislative districts.
- Drawing school district boundaries.
- Spotting economic trends.
- Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population.
- Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and other health services.
- Rural development and urban planning.
- Land use planning.
- Creating maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance.
- Locating factory sites and distribution centers.
- Comparing progress between different geographic areas.
- Medical research.
- Media planning and research.
- Evidence in litigation involving land use, voting rights and equal opportunity.
- Attracting new businesses to state and local areas.

For additional information about Census 2000, visit the bureau's Internet site at www.census.gov.

International students reflect on Thanksgiving

Lacy Chism
Sauce Reporter

Thanksgiving Day is approaching and several families are preparing for this national holiday.

This holiday, for many, means big dinners, lots of people and football. Americans celebrate this national holiday as a tradition that started when the Pilgrims and Native Americans came together at a feast of thanks long ago.

For many people, Thanksgiving generally includes vacations from school and families coming together. However, for some international students at the University, Thanksgiving is something different.

Most international students did not celebrate this holiday until they came to school here in the United States. Most Americans take for granted the beauty and sense of unity that Thanksgiving can bring, but these students recognize this.

Lily Kusljic, a student from Bosnia, believes that Thanksgiving is a holiday that the American people need.

"Americans spend so little time together, and this gives them the chance to spend time with one another."

Xiao Chen, a student who has lived in both China and Germany, says it is beneficial to experience this aspect of the American culture.

"We would never do anything like this in Germany or China. It is good to experience the American culture. I am excite about celebrating Thanksgiving this year."

No matter what your nationality, may everyone have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Photo by Shawn Hornsby
Virginia Crosno, director of University planning, assessment and EEO, and Robert Crew, executive assistant to President Webb participate in a barge ride last week on the Red River.

300 rowers traveled to Natchitoches as part of annual Rowing Marathon Championships

Heath Crawford
Sauce Reporter

The Natchitoches population increased by 300 this past Saturday as the NSU Rowing Team hosted the 10th Annual Rowing Marathon Championships on Cane River Lake.

Marathon coordinator, Will Grant, said the 26.2 mile regatta has continued to draw more competitors each year.

"We started back in 1990 with about 17 boats," Grant said. "This year, it looks like we're going to have right at 60 boats -- probably a little over 300 competitors."

Grant said the NSU Rowing Marathon is unique from other marathons.

"We're the only 26 mile regatta in the country that's continuous," Grant said. "We have a few that do go up 13 miles and turn around, but this is the only one that you start at point A and row to point B for a continuous 26 miles."

Grant said the marathon has changed over the past 10 years in the way of boats. What started out as a regatta for ordinary race boats has turned into a race for almost any type of boat. A large number of Saturday's competitors were racing in canoes.

One of the oddest entries was by Fred King of New Orleans. He competed in the Marathon in a currach, which resembles a Viking boat. King explained that the boat is of a Celtic design unchanged for over 2000 years.

The currach is meant to be rowed by three people but King rowed solo.

"I couldn't get anyone to row with me primarily," King said. "I did want to see how fast I could row the thing for 26 miles. It took me 6:08:20"

King jokingly said the 20 seconds was the hardest.

Competitors come from all over the country to compete. Bob Schuette drove over 900 miles from Marian, Iowa to compete for the 8th year.

"I just don't like shorter races," Schuette said. "I think it's because I hate to lose and here everyone wins. You're racing yourself here."

Schuette said this was a good year for him rowing in the marathon.

"This is the first year I didn't hit anything," Schuette said. "One year this little girl was fishing and she throws her line out across my bow. I finally just ripped the line into."

Schuette finished with a time of 3:26:32. Roger Payne traveled even further than Schuette to compete. Payne drove over 1,100 miles from Madison, Wisconsin to participate for the fourth time.

"I've skied 50 miles and I've ran a marathon so this was obviously the next step," Payne said. "You do it the first time and there's a space in there where you think you're totally crazy for doing it. But, you finish it and it's a pretty row and it's good water."

Payne gave his reasons for competing in the grueling 26 mile race.

"It's fun ... even last year when it was rainy and muddy, it's still just rowing out there," Payne said. "It's competitive but mainly you just go to do what you can do. It's more of a personal challenge."

Payne finished with a time of 3:42:12.

The record for the rowing marathon was set in 1992 by the University of Miami. Their time was 2:34:50.

News / Opinions

SAB here to entertain students of University

Steve Evans
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board is still reaching out to offer students a variety of services to the students of Northwestern.

The SAB has a "coffee house" every other Monday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. At this breakfast students have a chance to have free pastries as well as coffee provided by Aramark. A varity of entertainment is provided each time this service is offered.

Some of the entertainment ranges from the NSU Jazz Band to other groups such as STUN and occasionally the art department provides student art work. The SAB sets up Vic's and gives the atmosphere of a coffee house.

There is a non-traditional student's breakfast every Wednesday from 8-10 a.m. This Wednesday it will be in the Union. The SAB is planning on moving the breakfast to try to better meet the needs of these students. Coffee and doughnuts are provided for any non-traditional student who would like to take advantage of this free food opportunity.

The SAB is trying to encourage the non-traditional students to get more involved so the needs of these students can be met too.

The SAB is working to do more programming geared towards this specific group of students because their needs are much different than that of traditional students.

On October 14 at 7 p.m. in the faculty lounge of the student union there is an informational meeting for all of those interested in participating in the Lady of the Bracelet pageant. This meeting will provide potential contestants with information such as what is required, dates and what the pageant has to offer them. All who are interested are strongly encouraged to attend.

On October 20, the international student organization is hosting an international party. All students are invited to attend.

Members of the international student organization will provide cultural food and music. It will be held in the Alley on the 20th at 8:30 p.m.

October 21 is the Demon slamboree. This is your chance to win up to 10,000 dollars cash among other prizes including more cash. NCAA regulations will not allow any college basketball team practice before this date.

Among the things on the agenda are, games for those who participate, performances by the NSU spirit groups, a Demon vs. Lady Demon scrimmage and a chance for one male and one female to make a half court shot for 10,000 dollars cash.

The first of its kind to Northwestern, the slamboree is open to all students and members of the community. It is all free of charge to those who attend.

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Masked workers spark concern among students

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Workers began digging Nov. 4 to repair a leak in the main steam pipe between Kyser Hall and the Student Union Building.

Some students saw the workers wearing masks and questioned whether the fumes were hazardous.

"I walk to and from class everyday and I'm tired of seeing fumes and a mist rising [from the area]," said Junior Terrance McKinney. "And now there are people digging holes there to repair it? What the hell is it?"

Ambrose Airhart, Utilities Facilitator, said the "fumes" are steam, which is used for cooking, hot water, and building heat. He said despite the bad smell, the fumes are not harmful. Airhart said the workers wore the masks to protect their eyes from the powdery insulation inside the pipes.

"They were just wearing a nuisance mask," said Airhart. "It's not a hazardous material."

Airhart said the steam system was installed sometime in the 1950s and time has deteriorated them. He said the thickness of the pipes normally measures about 3/8 of an inch, but time reduced the pipe in the leaking area to about 1/8 of an inch.

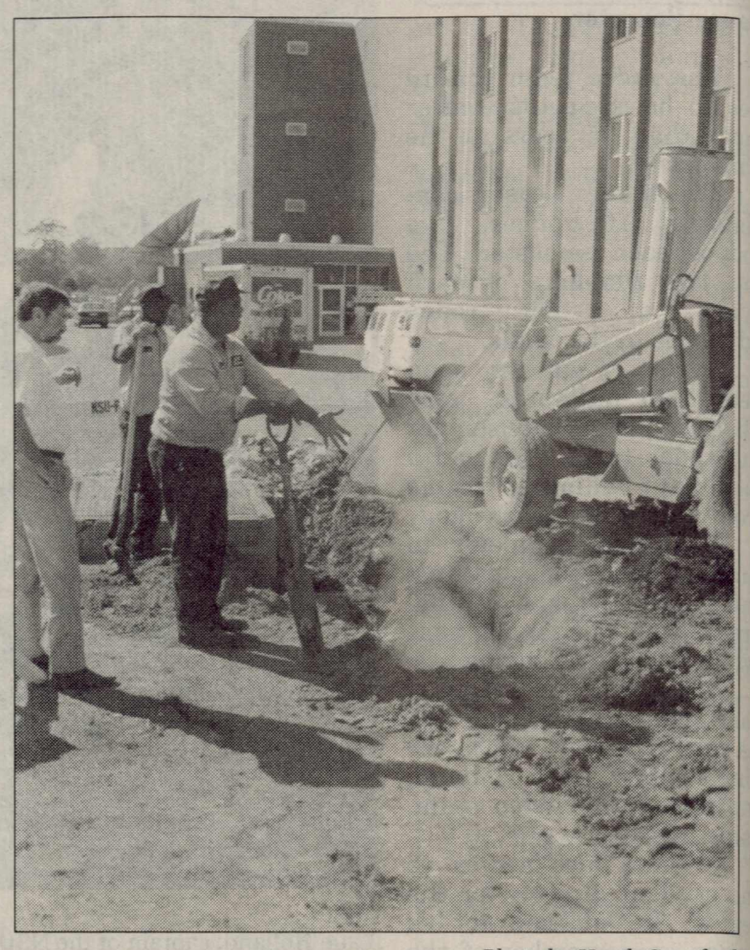

Photo by Heath Crawford
Workers work to repair a broken steam vent in the back of Kyser Hall last week. Some students were concerned about their health due to the fumes from the vent.

"That's an awful lot of wear," said Airhart.

Airhart said the cost of the repair should be under $1000.

The repair work and refilling of the hole was completed Thursday, however, Airhart said there is more work that needs to be done. He said the remaining work would not be completed until the Thanksgiving holiday.

Alumni columnist talks about homelessness

I hate to see someone back down or change their ideas because of unjustified pressure. The mayor of San Francisco had propsed a plan to take homeless people's shopping carts and direct them to area shelters.

He backed down and doesn't know if he'll use the plan due to complaints from homeless advocates. They said that it is wrong to steal their "home" and livelihood. Well, wasn't it wrong to steal it from whatever store owned the shopping cart?

I'm sure the store didn't have a shopping cart give away day. What is wrong for trying to return things to their rightful owners? Just because your're homeless, doesn't give you the right to steal. They can recieve plenty of help from the shelters they are directed to. There are, however, people that want to live that way and don't want our help. several years ago, I talked with a homeless man while in San Francisco.

He told me that he was a college professor that got tired of the rat race. he also said that bu choosing to live this way, he had no right to steal. he only took what was given to him voluntarily or thrown away.

So, we should hold these people accountable for their actions and help them out when we can (if they want it). It's just sad to see that most advocates for the homeless seem to work more towards keeping them that way, while adminstrators back down and let it happen.

Chris Conway

Policies for Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in this section do not necessarily reflect those of *The Current Sauce*, the department of journalism or the university.

All articles submitted for publication must be turned in on a disk saved as a TEXT only file and accompanied with a printed copy. Each letter must be signed.

The staff reserves the right to make any editorial desicion regarding which letters are to be published.

Letters will not be edited for content. All letters are subject to be shortened when space restrictions apply.

Any questions regarding letters to the editor should be directed to Shawn at 357-5384.

The 99-00 Argus art and literature contest is now open. You can find a submission form in this issue of the Sauce. Submissions should be put in the mailbox on the Argus office door in the second floor lobby of Bozeman Dorm (across the street from Russel Hall). Unless you submit your work on a disk (word 97 or higher), you will need to submit 5 copies of each submission. Disks will be returned after the 3rd week of next semester. A completed submission form must accompany each submission, including those that are submitted on disk. You may submit works in any or all of the submission categories. Prizes will be awarded for 1st ($100), 2nd ($75), and 3rd place ($50) in fiction, non-fiction, art, poetry, and playwriting. First and 2nd place prizes will also be awarded for cover art. Playwriting submissions should be limited to one act, 5-minute pieces. Cover art should have a peacock, peacock feather(s) or an eye or eyes prominent in the work. Natchitoches residents and NSU faculty and staff may also submit their works for publication. However, there will be no monetary award for these submissions. Submissions will be judges by NSU faculty members. There should be no identification on the works themselves; this is to keep the judging process fair. Winning submissions may be showcased at the first annual Demon art and literature festival toward the end of next semester. At the festival, contestants will have a chance to present, read, and explain their works to people attending the event. We are open to any ideas on how to make Argus better for you. Any questions or comments should be addressed to Argus_magazine@hotmail.com. Faculty members that would be interested in judging submissions should contact us at the same address.

99-00 Argus submission form

Name _____ Pen name (if applicable) _____
Title of entry _____
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Classification (circle one): NSU student, faculty, recipient

Please indicate the category of your submission:
Art Fiction Non-fiction Poetry Cover-art Playwriting

Please tell us a little bit about yourself (this information will appear in the contributor's notes if your work is published)

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Do you have any ideas on how to improve Argus or anything you would like to see us do in the future?

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Please return this completed form with 5 copies of your work (art and cover-art only require one copy) or your work saved on disk (Microsoft Word 97 or higher) to the Argus office in the second floor lobby of Bozeman down across the street from Russel Hall. Thanks and good luck!!!

photo by Deidra Fole

And the winner is . . .
Vic pulls the winning name at the University bookstore last week. The bookstore sponsored the drawing with the winner receivng a $50 gift certificate courtesy of the store.

FEATURES

My Side

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

I have long ceased to be surprised by the students' reaction to articles in *The Current Sauce*. I am, however, continuously amused.

Students, faculty, administration and community members seem to forget that *The Current Sauce* has a journalistic obligation - to report any and all news relevant to Northwestern State University.

Occasionally, this journalistic integrity causes animosity between students and *The Current Sauce* staff.

This is the cause of my amusement.

For example, last week, we ran an article about athletes weight problems, namely cheerleaders.

Immediately following the publication of *The Sauce*, the article's writer and *The Sauce's* editorial received numerous complaints about the article's "slanted, harmful" words from several students. The bearers of this opinion felt another article should be printed explaining the "other side of the story."

Quick journalism lesson:

The writers of *The Current Sauce* always present both sides of an issue or the article is simply not printed. Therefore, last week's article was written in an unbiased manner, per directions of the editorial staff, not to mention the intellect of the writer.

This gross display of attempted censorship is unfortunate for the students of Northwestern, and darn funny to me.

Do the students of Northwestern not realize *The Current Sauce*'s purpose?

We are a student-run, *student-related* media, whose sole purpose is reporting the news of the University with the hope of creating a better atmosphere for the students. In layman's terms, *The Current Sauce* is here to make NSU a better place.

We are not here to deliberately antagonize anyone. On the contrary, *The Sauce* staff often spends hours debating on how best to present controversial issues.

I know that I will continuously be supplied an amount of humor because of this continuous display of defensiveness.

Come on guys. Get the chip off your shoulder and let us do our job.

Thanksgiving across the Globe

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

For Americans, Thanksgiving brings thoughts of turkey, Aunt Helda's fruitcake and NFL football.

However, Thanksgiving isn't a holiday limited to the United States.

Several countries across the world have holidays similar to the U.S. Thanksgiving Day.

For example, Canada celebrates their Thanksgiving Day on the second Monday in October. Canadians feast on turkey, sweet potatoes, breadcrumb stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, as do Americans. Most of the foods eaten on Thanksgiving are unique to North America. Later groups of immigrants have varied their Thanksgiving meal, such as the Italian American specialties of pasta and wine.

The idea of the United States' Thanksgiving originated in Europe with their celebrations of harvest time. In the British Isles, Lamas Day is held to celebrate a good wheat harvest on Aug. 1. Likewise, the English Puritans held observances to express thanks for God's blessings.

Unlike the United States' Thanksgiving celebration of a union between two cultures, other countries celebrate the holiday in thanks of good weather or a good harvest. For example, the holiday is celebrated in the Virgin Islands to rejoice the end of the hurricane season.

Harvest festivals began several centuries before Pilgrims made peace with Native Americans. Greeks paid homage to their goddess of corn, Demeter, who was honored at the festival of Thesmosphoria held each autumn.

The Greek festival began with married women building leafy shelters and couches made of plants. Historians believe this connected childbearing with the raising of crops. On the second day of the festival, the Greeks fasted. The third day, a feast was held and they offered gifts of seed, corn, cakes, fruit and pigs to Demeter. The Greeks believed Demeter's gratitude would grant them a good harvest.

Romans also celebrated a similar festival called Cerelia, which honored their goddess of corn, Ceres. The festival, which included music, parades, games, sports and a thanksgiving feast, began each year on Oct. 4 and the first fruits of the season were offered to Ceres.

Chung Ch'ui, a Chinese festival, honored the birthday of the moon and the end of their harvest. They baked special "moon cakes", which were round and yellow in honor of the moon. Each cake was stamped with the picture of a rabbit, because the Chinese believed it was a rabbit, not a man, that they saw on the face of the moon.

The Chinese families ate roasted pig, harvested fruits and moon cakes. They believed that flowers would fall from the moon on the third day of fasting and would reward those who saw them.

According to the legend of Chung Ch'ui, the Chinese celebrated the holiday for another reason. Invading armies took over China and left many Chinese homeless. Without homes or food, the Chinese decided to attack the invaders. The time of the attack was written on a piece of paper, inserted into the moon cakes and given to all families. The Chinese easily gained the advantage and defeated the invaders. Moon cakes are still eaten in memory of this victory.

One of the most celebrated harvest festivals in the world, the Jewish holiday Sukkoth, is also one of the oldest celebrated holidays. The holiday, which continues for eight days, began over 3,000 years ago.

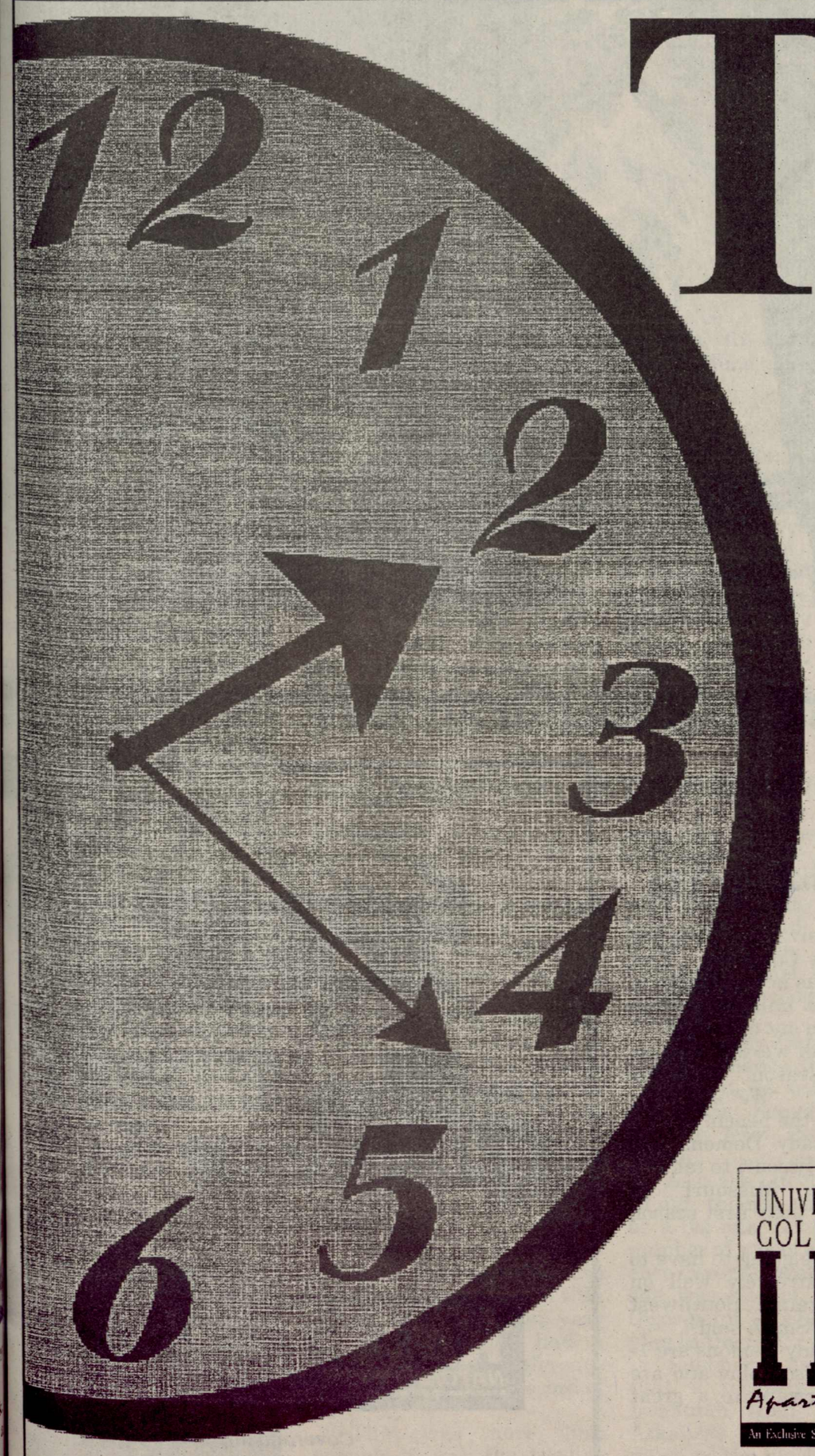
The holiday is known by two other names, Hag ha Succot, the Feast of the Tabernacles, and Hag ha Asif, the Feast of Ingathering. The festival begins five days after Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement.

The holiday is named for the huts Moses and the Israelites built and lived in as they wandered the desert for 40 years. The Israelites made the huts, which were easily assembled and taken apart, from branches.

Today, Jews build small, temporary huts of branches in honor of their ancestors. The huts have roofs made of foliage, sparsely placed to allow light to enter. They hang fruits and vegetables inside the hut and eat their meals in the huts on the first two nights of the festival.

Several Asian countries -- Japan, Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka -- have festivals in honor of their rice harvests. African countries also have similar days of thanks where the tribes express their gratitude to their gods for a good harvest year.

Many of the Indian cultures of South America express thanksgiving in ways similar to the United States. Seven nations have declared official Thanksgiving Day: Brazil, Canada, Japan, Korea, Liberia, Switzerland and the United States.



Basketball starts with 98-67 victory

Young, quick team total 32 turnovers, five Demons posted double digits in scoring

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

Let the fun and games begin.

After 16 highly successful seasons as head coach at Bossier Parish Community College, new Demon basketball head coach Mike McConathy and his young, quick team tipped off the 1999-2000 season with a 98-67 beating of VASDA USA.

Five Demon starters finished the night within double-digit scoring, including a game high 17 points by Richard Taylor.

The rowdy Demons crowd of 1,128 saw a fast-paced, run-and-gun Demons offense which never trailed in the game. The undersized Demon squad also outpaced a bigger and slower VASDA team.

"We were able to use our quickness to overcome their size advantage," McConathy said. "We are not very big but we were pretty aggressive and got a lot of easy baskets."

McConathy rekindles a family legacy at NSU, where his father, Johnny, and two uncles are members of the Graduate 'N' Club in basketball. McConathy also inherited four returning starters and nine letterwinners from last year's team.

NSU got 14 points from three juniors: Alann Polk, Charles Thompson, and Chris Thompson along with Taylor 17 points.

Taylor, a senior transfer, also led the Demons with nine rebounds. Polk, last year's team leader in 3-point scoring, led Northwestern from the outer arc hitting four of seven and contributed 11 rebounds and six assists.

The fast paced Demon offense followed up with an tough defense, forcing 32 turnovers. Many resulted in quick points for the Demons.

Taylor led the Demon defense, stealing the ball five times.

Northwestern outrebounded VASDA 59-40.

The fifth double digit scorer for the Demons was Kenton Fisher, who added 11 points off of four of five shooting.

VASDA was led in scoring by Derrick Dukes' 18 points, hitting seven of 17 shots.

VASDA also got great games from Don Jenkins and Fidel Woods, who had 12 and 11 points respectively.

Last year's Demon assist leader, Josh Hancock, sat out with a sprained knee. Brent Shropshire took his place, passing the ball to eight Demons, while tacking on eight points as well. As a team, Northwestern State tallied 32 assists on the night.

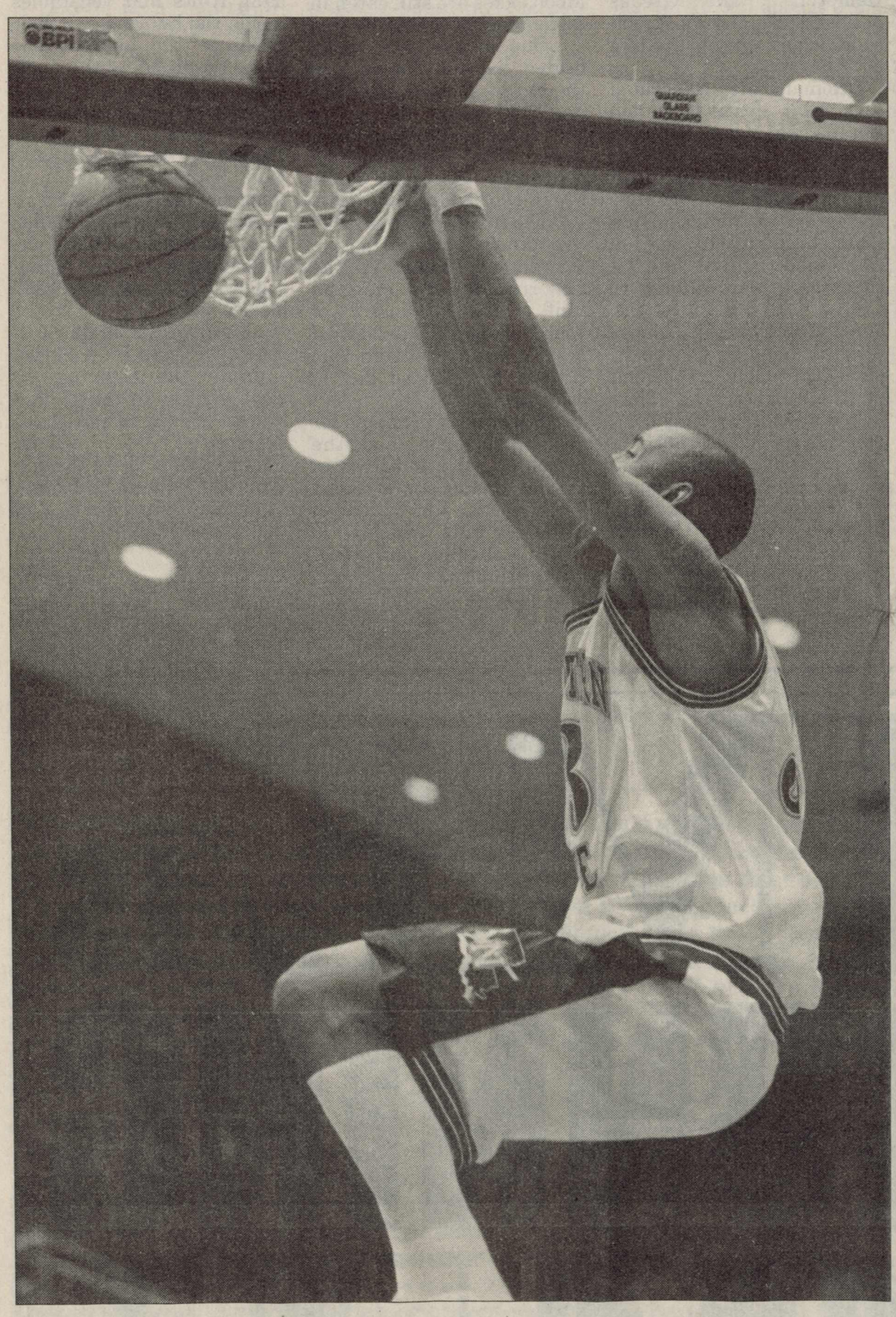
The Demons were trying to avenge an 82-79 defeat against last year's VASDA squad. Northwestern raced out of the gates early stretching out an 18-3 lead and ending the half with a 53-31 lead.

VASDA would not get any closer than eight entire game.

"Our effort was good," McConathy said. "This is a good starting point and we can build from here. We take away a lot of positives from this game and know that we have a lot of work on before we play one that counts."

One big game that counts for the Demons will take place Friday night. The Demons begin the 1999-2000 regular season on the road against Wyoming and then play Sunday afternoon against the Kansas State Wildcats.

The Demon's home opener takes place during the Thanksgiving holidays on November 23 when the Demons battle Louisiana College.



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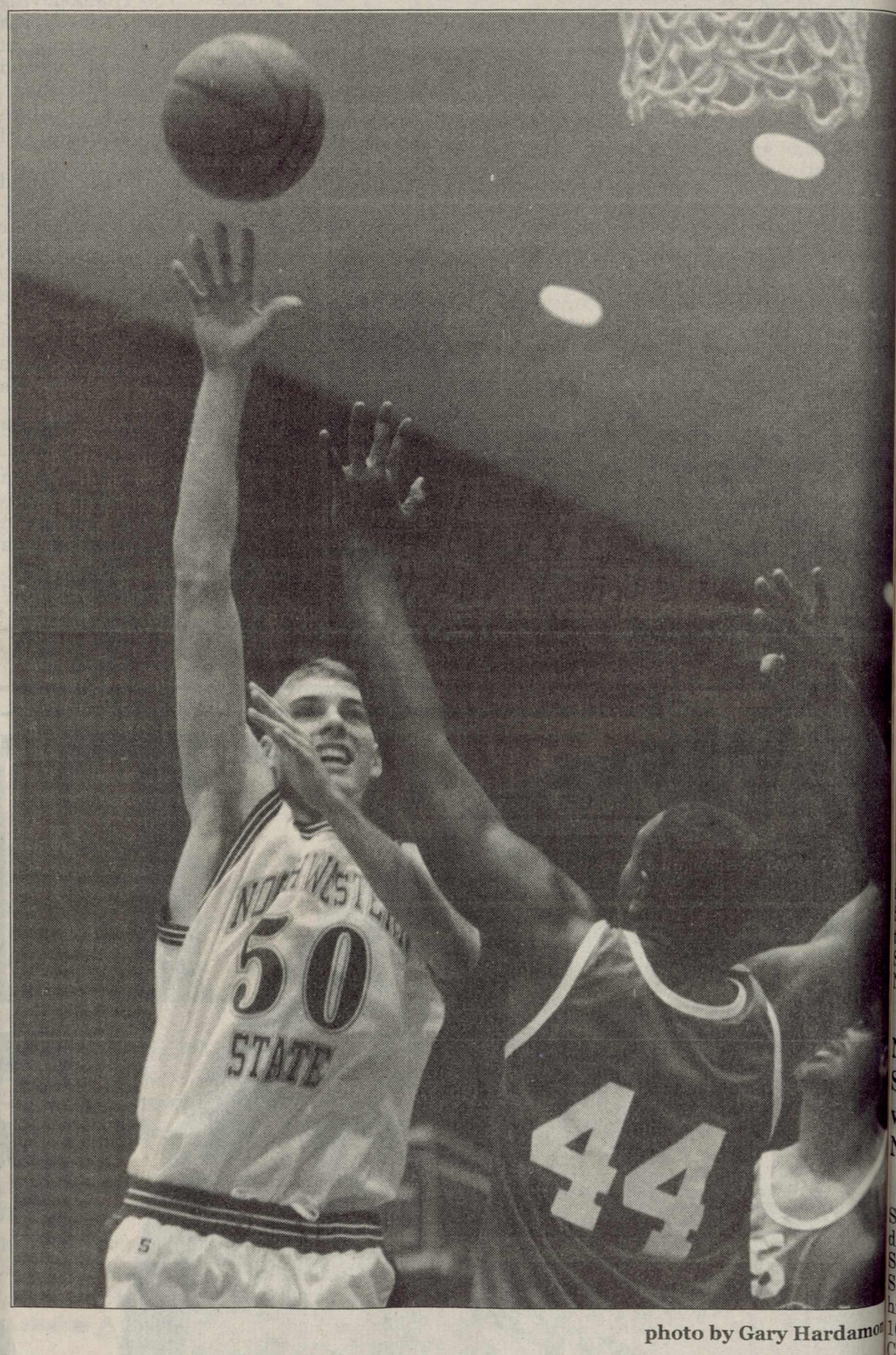
Slam dunks reign during the VASDA game as Chris Thompson hangs from the rim. Five Demons scored double digits while VASDA USA had three players post double digit figures.



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Charles Thompson scored 14 points on VASDA USA. The Demons will play on the road against University of Wyoming and Kansas State before returning home to play Louisiana College Nov. 23.

Lady Demon exhibit depth in 103-84 win

Kaleb Breaux
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons got a preseason win last night when they blew away the Houston Jaguars 103-84.

Northwestern's Kia Converse hit three 3-point shots in the first three minutes of play. With 16 minutes left in the first half, Northwestern led 17-9.

The Northwestern lead increased 18 points halfway through the second half.

Before the first half could end Northwestern went on a 8-0 run. Six of the eight points came from free throws.

The first half ended with Northwestern leading 61-36.

The Lady Demons shot 75 percent from the 3 point line and 81.5 percent from the free throw line. The Lady Demons also accumulated 29 total rebounds in the first half.

Not much changed as far as scoring in the second half.

With 5:35 left in the game, Houston pulled within 20 points 91-71. This is as close as the Jags would come.

The Jaguars outscored Northwestern in the second half 48-42, but this was not enough to even come close to the high powered Lady Demon offense led by senior Judy Clark.

Judy Clark led all scorers with 21. Clark also had seven assists. Kia Converse had 19, with nine coming from 3-point land. Tweety Evans and Louise Chase also scored in the double digits, having 13 and 11 respectively.

Felicia Edwards, who scored 20 points, was high point man for the Jags.

The Lady Demons ended the game shooting 48.6 percent from the field, 54.5 percent from 3-point land, and 74.4 percent from the free throw line.

"We came out fresh in the first half," says coach James Smith. "We got a little tired in the second half...and things got a little sloppy."

"We played very hard," Smith said.

"We did well offensively and defensively," says senior guard Kia Converse. "Our defense was not that good in the second half and things got a little out of control."

"I think we will do very well this season," 'Converse continued. "We are very deep from the bench."

The Lady Demons will travel to Missouri to take on Southwest Missouri on Friday for their first season game.

"We are going to have to execute extremely well on Friday against Southwest Missouri," Smith said.

The Lady Demons are 1-0 in preseason play and are looking forward to a great season.

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BRIEFS

DiNardo gone from LSU football

LSU football head coach Gerry DiNardo has been relieved of his position as head coach at LSU, it was announced by LSU chancellor Dr. Mark Emmert and athletic director Joe Dean at a news conference on Monday.

DiNardo has chosen not to coach the final game of the 1999 season, a Nov. 26 game between LSU and Arkansas in Tiger Stadium. Assistant head coach Hal Hunter will serve as interim head coach forthe final game of the season.

DiNardo will be paid by LSU for the final four years remaining on his contract.

DiNardo came to LSU following the 1994 season and compiled a record of 32-24-1 during his five seasons as the Tiger head coach. He led the Tigers to three straight bowl games from 1995-97 and LSU claimed the co-championship of the Western Division of the Southeastern Conference in 1996 and 1997.

Volleyball drops one to La. Tech.

Northwestern State (10-19) lost on the road in straight games to Louisiana Tech (10-19) 15-13, 15-3, 15-10 in non-conference volleyball action Tuesday evening.

NSU, which was outhit as team .117 to .324, was led by sophomore outside hitter Lisa Abner, who tallied 10 kills and seven digs for the match.

The Lady Techsters were led by Dana Cookson, who had 12 kills and a .688 attack percentage. Laura Ebert added 11 kills and a .588 attack percentage in the win.

Northwestern will play its last two matches, both SLC contests, on the road this weekend against Southeastern La. and Nicholls State.

Northwestern State ends season with 3-0 win over Nicholls

Freshman Christina Stone had 12 kills and 14 digs to lead Northwestern State (11-20, 4-16 in the SLC), ending its season on a high note with a 18-16, 15-10, 15-8 Southland Conference victory Saturday evening over Nicholls State (10-22, 3-17 in the SLC).

The 11 wins for Northwestern is the most for a Demon volleyball team since 1994. The four conference wins are the most wins all-time in Southland Conference play for NSU.

Sophomore Lisa Abner had 11 kills, while junior April George added 10 kills to the victory.

Michelle Morris led the way for the Lady Colonels with 13 kills and 10 digs.

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Demons dwindle 21-0 at Sam Houston

Cade Brumley
Sauce Reporter

NSU senior quarterback Brad Spangler threw for 123-yards, but it was not enough, as the Sam Houston State University Bearkats burned the Demons in a 21-0 shutout.

The orange and white of the Bearkats reigned as Sam Houston head coach Ron Randleman led his team to victory. The loss drops the Demons to 4-6 overall and 3-3 in Southland Conference action. This year's season does not compare to last years 11-3 campaign, which brought the Demons close to the national championship.

The first quarter ended with several defensive stands by both teams, but no scores were put on the board.

Then, to begin the second quarter, Bearkat Colin Stacks caused NSU quarterback Bo Meeks to fumble the ball over on the NSU 10-yard line. The Purple Swarm defense was able to hold them, until SHSU quarterback Chris Chaloupka was able to find the end zone on a four and goal opportunity from the 1-yard line with 12:35 remaining in the first half.

Chaloupka attained 75 yards before leaving the game due to an injury. Backup quarterback Albert Bradley would take control for the Bearkats.

SHSU would get the ball back after Demon Clint Sanford missed a 37-yard field goal. The Bearkats would make the most of the opportunity, as they marched down the field, capped off by a 17-yard completion for the touchdown from Bradley to wide receiver Larry Nixon with 1:11 remaining in the first half.

Bradley would pass for 165 total yards during the game. Nixon would have 68 yards and one touchdown.

SHSU would take a 14-0 lead into the half.

The third quarter would pass, without a score from either team.

The only score of the second half, and the final score of the game, came with 3:37 remaining in the fourth quarter. Bearkat Joe Rauls would rush for a 4-yard score to give the bearkats a 21-0 lead. Rauls would have 78 yards on the day.

Next week, the Demons will host the Lumberjacks from Stephen F. Austin. In the past two seasons, NSU has defeated SFA, claiming the Southland Conference title each time.

Overall, the Demons have won three straight against SFA. They will battle for Chief Caddo, the largest trophy in college football. Chief Caddo is currently located in the NSU field house.

Kickoff for next week's game is set for 2.p.m. at Turpin Stadium.

photo by Gary Hardamon

Tony Taylor breaks for a run on a Sam Houston defender. Taylor had a run from Saturday's game which earned one of Compaq's Plays of the Week.

Tennis ends off-season with Memphis Tourney

Amy E. Lambre
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State University women's tennis team wrapped up off-season competition Oct. 23, as the Demons participated in the Varsity ProShop Tennis Invitational at the University of Memphis.

The women competed in three tournaments in the fall semester. The women traveled to New Orleans, Denton,Texas, and Memphis, Tenn.. Competition included, University of Missouri, Texas A&M, Tennessee Tech, Arkansas State and University of New Orleans.

The Northwestern State doubles team, Brandi Matthews and Katie Wallace, won three matches at the University of North Texas Women's Tennis Invitational.

The team is made up of players from many ethnic origins, unlike many of the other sports teams on campus. Some of these players are from Germany, South Africa, Yugoslavia,Canada and Australia.

"This builds team character and unity, because we are a unit growing together," Kathryn Olsen said.

"We are bonded together like a family," Olsen said. "We started out as freshman together and have supported one another personally and professionally."

Coach Willie Paz's sixth season is fast approaching. Recruiting is a priority and he has a few prospects for the upcoming season.

"I am very excited about this year's team," Paz said. "The girls have the experience, strength and talent it takes to win matches and a conference championship."

The season begins Feb.1, with Northwestern hosting Centenary College. Tennis matches are open to Northwestern staff and students free of charge. Student body participation is welcome (fraternity, sorority,student clubs and organizations).

Women's basketball starts with most returners back

Post season play on agenda for the players; Lady Demons will face top scorer in the United States

Jay Lyles
Sauce Writer

Being picked to win the Southland Conference in preseason polls, returning four starters from last season's conference winning team, returning the SLC Player of the Year and having three of the five preseason All-Conference picks probably sounds like a dream to most coaches.

For the Lady Demon coaching staff at NSU, however, it is not a dream. It is a reality.

The Lady Demon basketball team has been picked to win the SLC conference title again this year. Last year the Lady Demons had a record of 16-2 in conference play and an overall record of 22-7.

That was more than enough to win the regular season conference title. This year they are expected to do even better.

"We were pretty content with winning the SLC title last year," said Associate Head Coach Wendy Luebbers. "This year post season play is a definite goal of this team."

The Lady Demons have a great chance to do this, because there will be only one player, Sonya Bearden, missing from the starting lineup.

As coach Luebbers pointed out, though, the loss will be a big one. Bearden set a number of school and conference records, which proved she was one of the finest three-point shooters ever to play in the SLC.

Luebbers did explain that a recently recruited freshman from Hampton, Arkansas will be taking up much of the slack left from Bearden's graduation.

Kiki Junior, who was heavily recruited by many universities, signed with NSU and will be getting a chance to show thousands of Lady Demon fans what the fuss was all about.

Even though there are some new recruits, the foundation of the team is intact. Many excellent starters will be returning. Kia Converse, Louise Chase, Jennifer Graf, Jennifer Price and the Southland Conference Player of the Year Judy Clark will be returning to action in Prather Coleseum.

"We're looking pretty much as expected a team of veterans should," said Coach Luebbers of the team's preseason workouts. "Everyone has improved over the players they were last year."

Improvement is an important thing going into this season because the Lady Demons will not get an easy game in which to refine their skills.

In the first game, the Lady Demons will travel to Southwest Missourri State University where they will meet the top scorer in the United States, Jackie Styles.

Graf, in particular, will have no rest, since she will begin the game attempting to cover Styles. All the Demons, however, will get their chance to practice guarding Styles before the game is over.

To top things off, most of the team is healthy. Only one Lady Demon, Anna Means, is in questionable shape. A few weeks ago, she received a possible knee injury during practice. Her final prognosis is not yet known.

With all these talents, abilities and future prospects, the Lady Demons surely have one of the brightest seasons of their careers to look forward to this year.

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Arts & Entertainment

"Dogma" is truly a divine comedy

Larry Collins
Sauce Reporter

Dogma is proof positive to me that you cannot go to view a film with preconceived notions about what to expect. I entered this movie expecting to get some good laughs at the concepts of religion that I have been force-fed from thirteen years of Catholic school. Instead of this, what I walked away with was a deeper appreciation and respect of my faith than I ever thought possible.

Instead of provoking viewers to question their faith, writer Kevin Smith, ingeniously causes us to question our involvement in our faith. Through excellent storytelling he slyly causes us to see who we are as Christians and force us to realize that it is not religion or God that has let us down, but rather our expectation of what we think the God should be that has let us down. Viewers who went to this film expecting a roar ripping good time at the expense of God and Jesus will either be extremely disappointed or, like myself, remarkably moved and inspired through the witty humor and brilliantly well thought out plot that utilizes the rich history of theology and the even richer legends of "the Master."

The strongest aspect of this film is its casting. Not only does this cast consist of some of the hottest talent in the industry, but also it is stacked with cast members that can actually act. Many of these cast members have been hired in the past for face value and because they make fantastic eye-candy.

Selma Hayek is the best example of this. Her sex symbol status has made her a victim of terminal type casting as a sex kitten or the quintessential manipulative vamp. Her role in this film as a muse/stripper highlights an acting ability that she has never been given the opportunity to project.

Chris Rock's turn as the thirteenth apostle. Rufus, was inspired both comedically and dramatically. I never thought that I would ever see the day that Rock would deliver a performance worthy of an Oscar nomination, but if he does not at least get a Golden Globe or Screen Actor's Guild Award nod, I will be very disappointed.

I only expounded on these two actors at length because they were the most surprising acting trophies of the film. Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Linda Fiorentino and Jason Lee were simply flawless and unstoppable.

While Damon has proven himself as an actor worth his salt in *Saving Private Ryan* and *Good Will Hunting*, this is the first time that Affleck has out himself in a position to be taken seriously as an actor. He was laughably dramatic in *Armageddon* and doing films such as *Phantoms* with Rose McGowen and *Forces of Nature* with Sandra Bullock has done nothing for his career.

Alanis Morissette has no lines in the film, but her ten minutes of unspoken glory rivals the few minutes that won Dame Judi Dench and Oscar in *Shakespeare in Love*. Although Morissette was brilliant, she will not get any accolades or awards for this acting stint.

File Photo
Matt Damon, left, and Ben Affleck star in *Dogma*, the new film from director Kevin Smith. The movie centers around two fallen angels and their quest to get back to Heaven. Unfortunately, if the angels succeed, they will be proving God wrong and, ultimately, destroying the entire universe.

Even Jay and Silent Bob gave stellar performances in a surprisingly dramatic, yet comedic turn in character for this film.

I say, nominations all around for this excellent ensemble cast. But unfortunately, this is not the kind of movie that the Academy with their stuffed shirts and *English Patient* dreams still clinging to *Titanic* posters will embrace. It is extremely unfortunate that this example of excellent storytelling will be limited to MTV Movie Awards and People's Choice Awards.

I will go out on a limb and predict that this film will at least garner a Best Original Screenplay nod.

Many Christians will object to the use of profanity to drive home the point, but how realistic is this story or the original story of Jesus without profanity? The profanity and crudeness of this film is what is expected for the time in which we live and I'll even venture to say in the time that Christ walked the Earth, also. The fact that Jay was so loved by God in this film despite the fact that he was a fountain of vulgarity shows that even the most sinful of us are able to be accepted into the Kingdom. Remember, the prostitute Mary Magdelon was the first to see Christ in his risen glory.

What I hated about John Travolta's *Michael* is what made me love *Dogma*. The concept of rogue angels, rebellious and defiant offended me in *Michael*, but sparked thought for me in *Dogma*. Maybe it is age that has changed me, but I suspect that it is simple better storytelling.

With the Millennium quickening on the horizon, the industry has churned out religious and apocalyptic movies such as *The Omega Code, Stigmata* and *End of Days*, but this comedy is definitely the savior of these other overly dramatic dooms-day films.

Even though this film does not have the campy class of Smith favorites *Clerks, Mallrats* and *Chasing Amy*, there is just enough crudity and civilized raunch for the die hard Smith fans, while critics and movie goers alike are treated to what is truly a divine comedy. This movie has become my favorite comedy of all time, and has found itself in my top ten films, maybe even top five.

Best Selling Books

Here are the week's best selling books, according to the Barnes and Noble website, barnesandnoble.com.

1. The Carbohydrate Addict's Lifespan Program (paperback) -Rachael F. Heller, Richard F. Heller

2. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets - J.K. Rowling

3. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban -J.K. Rowling

4. *The Carbohydrate Addict's Diet* - Rachael F. Heller, Richard F. Heller

5. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (hardcover) -J.K. Rowling

6. *River, Cross My Heart* -Breena Clarke

7. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (paperback) -J.K. Rowling

8. *Harry Potter* Box Set -J.K. Rowling

9. *Body for Life* -Bill Phillips, Michael D'Orso

Faculty recital tonight in Magale Recital Hall

A recital titled "An Evening of Sonatas" will be presented by flutist Dennette Derby McDermott and pianist Russell Hirshfield, members of the NSU faculty tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free for students and the public.

The program will include "Sonatine in D Major" by Antonin Dvorak, "Flute Sonata" by Erwin Schulhoff, "Oiseaux Tendres" by Jean Rivier and "Sonata in A Major" by Gabriel Faure.

The work by Dvorak is highly classical in style. The second movement is known as the "Indian Lament," containing primitive themes inspired by North American folk music. It was dedicated to Dvorak's six children.

Schulhoff became acquainted with French flutist Renee LeRoy during a concert tour. The meeting inspired two compositions and led to the formation of a duo.

Rivier's work was also dedicated to LeRoy. The piece captures the sounds of birds by exploring the colors unique to the flute.

Faure was an organist, pianist and composer who influenced an entire generation of 20th century composers. His work was later used by Ravel and Debussy in their string quartets.

McDermott was the 1998 recipient of the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award, which is presented annually to a Northwestern faculty member for outstanding research.

She was honored for her research and performances of Czech music. McDermott holds the Derby Endowed Professorship and held the Magale Endowed Professorship in Creative and Performing Arts in 1995. That year, she participated in an international master course at the Janacek Academie of Music and in a faculty exchange program.

McDermott has presented international solo recitals at Brno, Czech Republic and at the Academie of Music in Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

She has been a winner of the National Flute Association's Professional Convention Performers Competition three times and has performed at the Boston, Kansas City, Orlando, New York, Chicago, Phoenix and Atlanta flute conventions.

Her work has been published by the Flutist Quarterly, Flute Talk, Pan Pipes and American Piper.

McDermott received her bachelor's from Michigan State University, a master's at the University of Michigan and her doctorate from the University of North Texas.

Hirshfield is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Boston University and the University of Colorado. He has appeared as a recitalist at the concert series of San Francisco's St. Patrick's Church, the Donnell Library Center in New York, Louisiana College and the University of Oklahoma as part of the opening season of the Catlett Music Center. He has performed at the University of Arkansas, Sam Houston State University, the Yale University Center for British Art and on three occasions in Lincoln Center's Bruno Walter Auditorium.

He has presented recitals on two occasions at the State University of Campinas in Brazil, where he served as visiting professor.

Hirshfield has been the recipient of the Derby Endowed Professorship and the Magale Endowed Professorship.

Other upcoming events of the C.A.P.A. department include a performance by the Northwestern Horn Choir tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

The Men's and Women's Choruses will give a performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night, also in Magale Recital Hall.

The graduate art exhibition of sculptures by Heather Hanners in Hanchey Gallery and the senior art exhibition by Andre Williams in the Closet Gallery will continue until

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"Pokemon" tops box office

The Pokemon marketing assault has paid off again; *Pokemon: The First Movie* has pulled in $52.1 million since it opened on Wednesday, and brought in $32.4 million over the weekend alone. The film was far ahead of any other movie at the weekend box office.

In a season when most movies, with the notable exceptions of *Double Jeopardy* and *The Sixth Sense*, have been on the a significant decline after a debut at No. 1, *The Bone Collector* collected a solid number of viewers in it's second weekend of release. The film, starring Angelina Jolie and Denzel Washington, managed to rake in $12 million, despite the Pokemon phenomenon.

Dogma, the controversial new film from director Kevin Smith (see the review above), had the second strongest debut of the week. It grossed $8.8 million and played on only 1,260 screens. The religious satire has faced opposition from Christian groups, but it seems that Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Salma Hayek and Chris Rock were able to override that.

The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc debuted at No. 4 over the weekend, grossing $6.3 million on 2,100 screens, a disappointing debut for an epic with a budget of $55 million.

Susan Sarandon's new film *Anywhere But Here*, about a mother and her daughter's relationship, opened at the No. 5 spot over the weekend. It took in $5.7 million.

The Insider, starring Al Pacino and Russell Crowe, fell to the sixth spot in it's second weekend of release. The movie, based on a true story involving the tobacco industry, grossed $5.1 million.

The star power of Chris O'Donnell wasn't enough to save *The Bachelor* from falling to position No. 7 at the box office. The movie had sales of $4.7 million in it's second weekend.

House On Haunted Hill, starring Taye Diggs, came in eighth place over $4.4 million.

Finally, *Double Jeopardy* and *The Sixth Sense* claimed spots No. 9 and No. 10, respectively.

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New "chillers" to provide more efficient cooling system on campus

Mary A. Freeman
Contributing Writer

Work is underway to install a new, more efficient cooling system across campus.

The project is to install new chillers in order for the University to become more energy efficient, said John Winston, vice president of University Affairs.

Some of the chillers are 30-years-old, said Loran Lindsey, head of the physical plant.

"A more effective system will solve problems," Lindsey said. "When we complete all these projects, it should free up other personnel, so we can give better service."

The chillers that need to be replaced contain the refrigerant R11, which has been deemed environmentally unsafe by the Environmental Protection Agency. The refrigerant is no longer made, said Lindsey. There should not be any problems with the work, he said.

"Eventually we'll have to replace all R11 machines," Lindsey said.

"This project is not something you see, but you will feel the effects."

Loran Lindsey,
Coordinator,
Physical Plant

Recommendations have been made to hire the contracting company Bernhard Mechanical, out of Alexandria, to do the work on the west campus loop. The west campus loop contains the Teacher's Education Building, the PE Majors Building, Sabine, Iberville and Rapides. The project will cost $1.2 million, said Lindsey. The money comes from the state as an energy conservation grant.

Another contract has been recommended to a company out of Shreveport, to do work on the chiller station for St. Denis. The contract is for a 650-ton chiller, safety monitoring equipment, and pumps, said Lindsey. The project costs $500,000. The funding for this project was set up in 1994; however, problems with money have delayed it.

"This project is not something you see, but you will feel the effects," Lindsey said.

"It is our hope that they [students] never know what's going on," Winston said. "We shouldn't interrupt any service."

File Photo

Every year, thousands of people from all over the country visit Natchitoches during the annual "Christmas Festival of Lights" celebration. This is the 73rd year of the festival and it will be hightlighted with numerous events designed to entertain the masses.

Festival of Lights begins Friday in Natchitoches

New events and anniversary highlight 73rd Christmas Festival

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

The fall semester is almost over and with the close of it comes finals, graduation for some and the annual Natchitoches Christmas activities.

Natchitoches is called the "City of Lights" due to the enormous amount of lights displayed during the Christmas season. This year is the 73rd annual Christmas Festival of Lights. The Christmas Festival is a tradition that began in 1927.

Over the years, the festival has grown to include little mini-festivals continued throughout the weekends during the holiday season, along with fireworks every Saturday and at midnight on New Year's Eve. Live entertainment is provided each Saturday as well.

Marshall, Texas, Shreveport-Bossier City and Natchitoches are four cities that have festivals of their culture that make up the Holiday Trail of Lights.

"It costs $150,000 per year to put the lights up in Natchitoches," said Mayor Joe Sampite. "This is for lights and labor. The Chamber of Commerce puts in $125,000 for their contribution to the lights. It's expensive buying light bulbs."

The weekend of the festival starts Friday at 6 p.m. There will be a lighted barge parade and live entertainment on Fleur de Lis stage.

The Natchitoches/ Northwestern Symphony Christmas Gala will be held at 7 p.m. in A. A. Fredericks Auditorium. There is no admission charge. The Christmas Gala is an event presented by the theater, art and music departments at the University.

The activities start Saturday with the Alexandria Daily Town Talk Christmas Festival 1-mile run and 5K Fun Run/Walk at 7:30 a.m. The opening ceremony and live entertainment starts at 10 a.m.

The Christmas Festival Parade starts at 1 p.m., and at 4 p.m. the classic rock band SHA-NA-NA will perform. The fireworks over Cane River Lake will begin at 6 p.m.

Admission to get onto Front Street and the riverbank will be $3 per person and children under 12 will get in free.

"The reason for the admission price is so that we can have fireworks, concerts and activities every weekend," said Sampite.

For those that do not wish to attend the festival but may want to go onto Front Street to eat dinner, like at the Landing, for example, Sampite says it will be worked out so that they will not have to pay an admission charge just to get to a restaurant.

Dec. 11 is the grand finale of Franco Fete, the official closing ceremony of the 300th anniversary celebration of the arrival of the French in Louisiana.

There will be live Cajun, French and Zydeco music throughout the day and the opening ceremonies will start at 12:15 p.m. on the riverbank. The official closing ceremonies and dedication of the time capsule will be on the riverbank stage at 5:15 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at 7 p.m.

Sampite said that the festival has been a big help to area businesses, especially those on Front Street.

"It's saved the businesses. That's when shopping blows up. People get excited with change, and Christmas is a change. It's a great impact on the economy, tourism and businesses of the town," Sampite said.

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Joe Sampite,
Mayor

Journalism updates lab; computers open to all students

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

The journalism computer lab has received new computers and will be open to all students starting Jan. 5.

The computer lab housed in room 225 of Kyser Hall had new computers installed over the Thanksgiving break. The lab will now be open to all students because the computers were purchased using Student Technology fees.

Head of the journalism department, Steve Horton, said,"It never was officially a journalism lab. Even though the department was funding it and keeping it going, we never denied a student access to it."

However, many students were not aware of the lab's existence.

Junior Kelly Day, journalism minor, said, "A lot of times the lab goes unused. If others want to use it, they shouldn't be excluded."

Horton said that the journalism lab serviced as many journalism students as it did others.

Horton also said the lab would now have a student worker on duty at all times to enforce the rules common to all other computer labs on campus.

"The only other additional rule...is if you are using a Macintosh lab, you will be proficient in using a Macintosh lab," Horton said. "You won't come in there to experiment."

Horton initiated the idea by submitting a proposal to the Student Technology Committee. He proposed that the journalism department would staff, maintain and open the lab to all students if Student Technology money could be used to purchase the computers.

Horton said that the proposal had almost no trouble being passed.

"...I was offering them an optimal plan," Horton said.

Horton said all other labs on campus were equipped, staffed and maintained by Student Technology fees. Horton said all he asked for was $41,000 to pay the cost of 17 computers and two printers.

"It was a win, win [situation] for the department and tech students," Horton said.

The lab will now contain Macintosh G4 computers with CD-ROM and Zip drives. Also, it will contain two LaserJet printers.

Horton said the lab would be more of a design facility, mostly aiding in news and advertising layout.

"This fills a void on campus," Horton said.

"I guess that's cool," said freshman Amanda Faith. "...But I don't know if I'll [ever] use it."

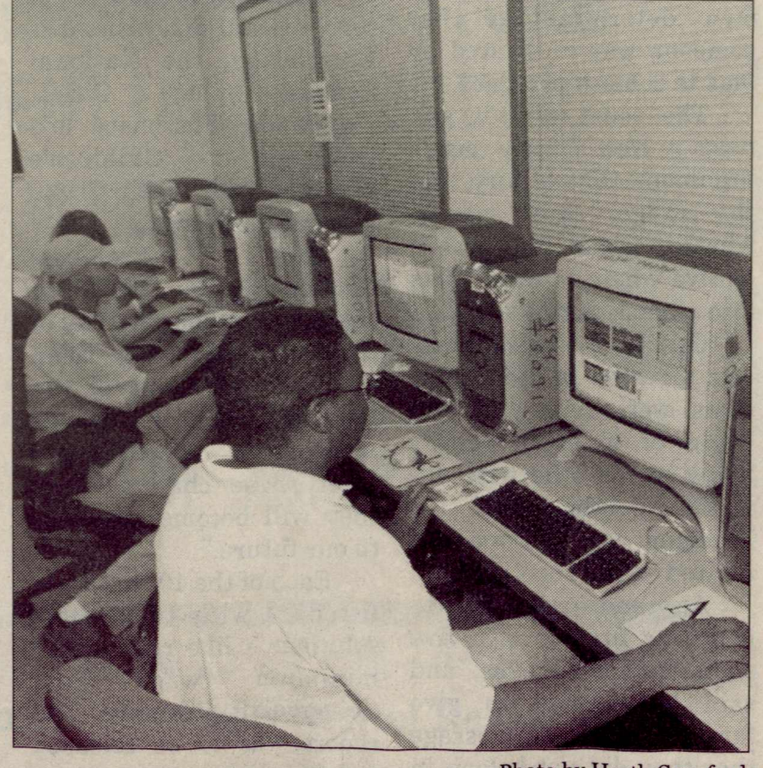

Photo by Heath Crawford

The addition of 17 new Macintosh G4 computers makes the journalism lab more modern. The lab is located in room 225 Kyser and open to all students.

News

News Briefs

Russian president ill again

Boris Yeltsin was rushed to the hospital Monday with suspected pneumonia, just days after falling ill with what doctors had described as bronchitis, the Kremlin said.

The 68-year-old president was taken to the Central Clinical Hospital in Moscow for examination and treatment. Doctors had examined him earlier Monday and decided to hospitalize him.

Yeltsin had been resting at his country residence outside Moscow after being diagnosed last Thursday with bronchitis. Doctors had said that his condition was not serious and he needed to rest, but his condition apparently deteriorated, forcing his hospitalization today.

Earlier Monday he summoned his chief of staff to his country residence for discussions.

Russia's NTV television showed footage today of Yeltsin and Chief of Staff Alexander Voloshin sitting in chairs across a small table. The tape showed the president, dressed in a dark sweater, speaking emphatically to Voloshin, who nodded in agreement. The clip did not include Yeltsin's voice.

It was the first footage of Yeltsin shown to the public since he fell ill last week. The Kremlin, which released the footage, did not give details of Yeltsin's conversation with Voloshin.

Yeltsin underwent quintuple bypass surgery in November 1996 and has been sidelined repeatedly by other illnesses, including respiratory infections and a bleeding ulcer. The president was hospitalized briefly last month with the flu and a fever.

Even when he is healthy, Yeltsin spends most of his time in his residence, rarely putting in a full week at his Kremlin office. Still, the president insists he is strong enough to serve the remainder of his term, which runs through mid-2000.

Supreme Court to decide issues in hate crimes

The Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether judges can impose longer sentences under state hate-crime laws based on their own determination that someone was motivated by bias to commit a crime.

The court said it will hear a New Jersey man's argument that a jury, not the judge, must decide whether racial bias was a motive when he fired shots into a black family's home.

Charles C. Apprendi Jr. was arrested in 1994 after shots were fired into the home of a black family living in his otherwise all-white neighborhood in Vineland, N.J. No one was injured in the shooting.

Apprendi admitted to police he fired four or five shots into the house, and said he wanted to give family members a message that they did not belong in his neighborhood.

But he later said he was unfairly pressured into making that false statement to police, and that his gunfire really had been randomly directed when the house's purple front door caught his eye.

There was no racial intent in the shooting, his lawyers said in court papers.

Apprendi pleaded guilty to a firearm violation and possessing a bomb in his house, which carried a maximum 10-year prison sentence. At the plea hearing, he admitted his purpose for shooting at the house was to frighten the family.

Prosecutors sought an enhanced sentence under New Jersey's hate-crime law. The judge imposed a 12-year term, saying prosecutors had shown that Apprendi's act was racially motivated.

Apprendi appealed the sentence, saying that issue should be decided by the jury using the highest legal standard - whether prosecutors provided proof of racial bias beyond a reasonable doubt.

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled against Apprendi and upheld his 12-year sentence.

In the appeal acted on today, Apprendi's lawyers said his intent at the time of the crime ``critically affects his sentence'' and should have been treated as an element of the offense to be considered by the jury.

New Jersey Attorney General John J. Farmer Jr. said the state's hate-crime law punishes motive - traditionally is a sentencing issue decided by a judge, not a jury.

The case is Apprendi vs. New Jersey, 99-478.

Report names ten critical threats to children

Teen pregnancy, abuse and neglect at home, inadequate child care, poor schools and lack of health care are among the biggest dangers threatening America's children, according to a new report.

The report, ``Ten Critical Threats To America's Children: Warning Signs for the Next Millennium,'' also lists such threats as substance abuse, poverty, absent parents, crime and dangers in the environment.

The study is the work of the National School Boards Association, the National League of Cities, Hollywood, Fla.-based Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Youth Crime Watch of America.

`The problems confronting our children truly are challenges to all of America,'' said Mary Ellen Maxwell, president of the National School Boards Association. ``Either we meet these challenges or they will become obstacles to our future.''

Each of the 10 threats is listed with possible solutions - like raising the minimum wage and universal health care. The report was to be released today at a news conference in Washington, D.C.

University sponsors "College for a Day"

News Bureau

Though only a small glimpse of life at Northwestern State University, for 14 Natchitoches Parish high school seniors, the "College for a Day" experience was one they won't soon forget.

"It gave me a good idea of what I have to look forward to," said St. Mary's senior Thomas Jenkins. "It's different from high school, but I'm excited about it."

Jenkins was paired with Northwestern student Mark Bulot for five hours on Nov. 17 as part of the University's College for a Day program. During the day, high school students shadowed Northwestern students for a "typical" day on a college campus.

That typical day included everything from washing clothes to helping staff a high school cross-country meet. Some of the high schoolers participated in other events, such as serving up banana splits for faculty and staff. Still others worked in various student offices. But they also got a taste of the academic life, attending classes with the NSU students, as well.

> ***"They went to classes, took tests, ate lunch in the (Friedman Student) Union and went to work . . . everything we would normally do during the morning and early afternoon."***
>
> Allison Bulot, University Mentor

"It was a mixture of everything," said Allison Bulot, one of the NSU students who was a mentor for the day. "They went to classes, took tests, ate lunch in the (Friedman Student) Union and went to work . . . everything we would normally do during the morning and early afternoon."

She said the program, which was the first of its kind at Northwestern, was a "great chance for the [high school] students to see one-on-one what life in college is really like."

Bulot, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, even brought her high school student, LaTonya Williams of Lakeview High School, to a service project for her sorority. Members of the social organization were hosting a BYOB (Bring Your Own Banana) party, making banana splits for faculty and staff.

"That was a lot of fun," Williams said. "I saw that there is much more to college life than just books."

Williams plans to attend Northwestern, but with a major in electrical engineering, she plans to focus solely on her studies in her first year.

"It is good to know that there are plenty of opportunities for me to get involved when I get ready," she said.

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New scholarship available through Delta Kappa Gamma

Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International announces the availability of the Catherine and Mary Winters scholarship.

Money for the scholarship will be provided by Epsilon Chapter in memory of two of its members, Catherine Winters and Mary Winters, at the University for the spring of 1999.

The amount of the scholarship varies from year to year ($250 minimum and $500 maximum).

Those eligible to apply are female education majors who have the following qualifications:

-will attend Northwestern State University of Louisiana in the fall 2000

-a minimum of junior status at the beginning of the fall of 2000

-a minimum college GPA of 3.0 at the beginning of the fall of 2000

-is pursuing at least a four-year degree in education

-is a full time student

Applications for the Catherine and Mary Winters Scholarship are available upon request at the NSU Office of Alumni Affairs. Completed application forms and all other requested information for the fall of 2000 must be postmarked by February 1, 2000 and mailed to Mrs. Barbara Laborde, Scholarship Chairman, 130 South Williams Ave., Natchitoches, LA 71457.

Campus Connections

ISEP

Applications for study abroad through the International Student Exchange Program for the 2000 academic year are available in Kyser 225E. If you have questions, please contact Tom Whitehead at 357-5213.

Spanish Club

Meetings at 3 p.m. every Friday in room 333 of Kyser Hall.

Sociology and Criminal Justice Club

The Sociology and Criminal Justice Club will meet Wed. Nov. 17 Kyser Room 309.

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the conferenece room

SIFE

Meetings are held every Thursday at 4 p.m. Members please attend.

Photo by Shawn Hornsby

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Jean Louis Turcan, (center) mayor of La Roque d'Antheron officially turned on the lights last week for the 73rd annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival of Lights along with Natchitoches Mayor Joe Sampite (right).

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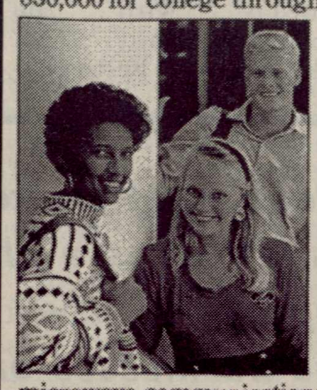

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Students' exhibits draw praise

Karly Pierre
Sauce Reporter

Andre Williams and Heather Hanners exhibited their artworks in the Creative and Performing Arts building from Nov. 15 to 19.

Williams, advertising design major, said his senior exhibit entitled "Complements of a Designer" displayed works typically done in the graphic design field.

"My goal for my senior exhibit was to try to reach different audiences," Williams said. " I have ads that might be seen in anything from *Reader's Digest* to *Vibe*."

Williams' exhibit included movie posters, magazine ads and covers, pamphlets, CD covers, embossed stationary and labels for champagne bottles. Williams said he completed all of these designs during this semester.

Williams pointed to one of his ads that received many compliments. A viewer can pick up the vague image of a baby's face against a sky blue background. The text on the ad reads "Good parents notice the unnoticeable." Andre said this ad was done in the style of a public service announcement.

Williams said that his design style grew during an internship.

" I designed a pamphlet for the Bayou Classic Gala Reception," Williams said. "I realized in the actual workplace the work you do isn't a homework assignment; it is a job. If you mess up in an actual job you affect a client, not just yourself."

Williams said he was proud of his exhibit because it allowed him to show what he had achieved in his years at the University.

"Doing this exhibit pushed me to pull out my best,"Williams said.

Clyde Downs, assistant professor of art, said that through this exhibit Andre developed a strong portfolio.

"Andre has developed his own style and become professional in his outlook," Downs said. "He will be successful."

Hanners, a graduate student also in graphic design, exhibited box sculptures in the downstairs section of the Hanchey Art Gallery.

She said that the theme of her exhibit revolved around a sense of nostalgia. She said most of her artworks had personal meanings. She pointed out one such sculpture called "Dance Recital" that is made up of pictures of her mother as a child posing in dancing costumes.

"My mom still has these costumes," Hanners said. "I thought it would be interesting to put these pictures in my sculpture. She thought it was a nice surprise."

Hanners said her studio is filled with all sorts of objects. When creating her box sculptures she said she puts objects in the box until she comes up with a combination that catches her eye. She said she assembled one of her favorite pieces in five minutes.

"I don't want to say working with box sculpture is more interesting that other forms of art, but I think it doesn't conform to what you automatically think of as art,"Hanners said. "It is just a different way of seeing things."

Hanners said she owes her interest in box art to a number of people.

"I was influenced a lot by Michael Yankowski, Joseph Cornell and--believe it or not--the Internet," said Hanners. "I've communicated with artists over the Internet."

Brooks Defee, assistant professor of art, that by gathering together odd combinations of objects and making unusual connections with them Hanners is letting chance into the process of creating art.

"Her work is a visual puzzle," Defee said. "I think she is at her best when working with box sculptures. She gives freedom to her ideas and her sense of humor."

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System president praises Leesville/Ft. Polk campus

News Bureau

The University's Leesville/Fort Polk campus has the capability of serving as a model for higher education opportunities at military installations globally, according to University of Louisiana System President Bobby Jindal.

Jindal met with President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Leesville/Fort Polk, Executive Director Creighton Owen, Vice President for Academic Affairs Tom Burns, Fort Polk Commander Brig. Gen. Samuel S. Thompson III and other university and military officials earlier this week.

He visited the Leesville/Fort Polk campus and the military installation to examine how the University might continue to meet the needs of Fort Polk and how that program could be expanded.

"We want to explore how the University can continue its role with Fort Polk and how that partnership might be used as a model for Northwestern to offer courses at other military institutions," Jindal said.

He said the University could develop into a leader in higher education among military installations by taking four steps. The University should continue to develop its distance learning expertise, continue to build on its unique areas of excellence, focus on where soldiers go when they are reassigned from Fort Polk and develop partnerships with other universities which already have a presence at other military installations.

The University is a leader in distance learning through compressed video and Internet courses, and the number of those course offerings will increase in the spring. It is also planning on implementing a method of registration and fee payment electronically and is working toward offering courses totally electronically, which Jindal said will be key to offering courses at other military installations.

But Northwestern cannot offer all its programs and services at all military posts. Jindal suggested that the University focus on "certain areas" in which the university has strengths. All universities within the University of Louisiana System recently named their "Areas of Excellence." Northwestern's included Computer Information Systems, Creative and Performing Arts, Educational Technology, the Louisiana Scholars' College and the Family Nurse Practitioners Program.

Industrial and Engineering Technology has been named an emerging area of excellence.

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High school seniors converge on University for Journalism Day Friday

Students wanting to know how to get started in a journalism-related career are invited to participate in Journalism Day at the University Dec. 3.

High school students from throughout Louisiana will participate, as will current college students interested in the profession.

The program begins at 9 a.m. in Studio 1-A of Kyser Hall. Jason Oldham, a 1992 broadcast journalism graduate from the University, will deliver the opening speech.

Individual career sessions will also be held. Oldham will lead the sessions on broadcasting. His wife, Amye Oldham, will lead the public relations sessions. Other journalism-related presenters are Stan Alost, deputy director of photography for the St. Petersburg Times; and Courtney LaCour, Natchitoches Bureau reporter for The (Alexandria) Town Talk. Darlene Williams, Northwestern's electronic systems coordinator, will discuss webpages.

Bruce Bryant, an attorney with the Louisiana Department of Hospitals and adjunct professor of journalism at the University, will offer closing remarks.

Coordinator of the events, Thomas Whitehead, said J-Day is an annual event sponsored by the department of journalism which "allows the students an opportunity to meet professionals and to find out what it takes to become a professional in the journalism profession."

For more information on Journalism Day, call the department of journalism at (318) 357-4425.

ARGUS

The 99-00 Argus art and literature contest is now open. You can find a submission form in this issue of the Sauce. Submissions should be put in mail box on the Argus office door in the second floor lobby of Boozman Dorm (across from Russell Hall). Unless you submit your work on a disk (Word 97 or higher), you will need to subject 5 copies of each submission. Disks will be returned after the third week of next semester. A completed submission form must accompany each submission, including those that are submitted on disk. You may submit works in any or all of the submitted categories. Prizes will be awarded for first place ($100), second ($75) and third place ($50) in fiction, non-fiction, art, poetry and playwriting. First and second place prizes will also be awarded for cover art. Playwriting submissions should be limited to one act, five minute pieces. Cover art should have a peacock, peakcock feathers or an eye or eyes prominently in the work. Natchitoches residents and NSU faculty and staff may also submit their works for publication. However, there will be no monetary award for those submissions. Submissions will be judged by NSU faculty members. There should be no identification on the works themselves, this is to keep the judging process fair. Winning publications may be showcased at the first annual literature festival toward the end of next semester. At the festival, contestants will have a chance to present, read and explain their works to people attending the event. We are open to any ideas on how to make Argus better for you. Any questions or comments should be addressed to Argus_magazine@hotmail.com. Faculty members that would be interested in judging submissions should contact us at the same address.

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JINDAL: System President offers several ideas to improve University satellite campus further

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Jindal also said Northwestern should study where Fort Polk soldiers are relocated, giving a better idea of where to begin efforts to expand programs. In addition, NSU should consider partnering with two-year colleges which already have a presence on many posts, such as Central Texas College, Jindal said.

Other colleges and universities, such as Upper Iowa University and Central Michigan University also already have a presence on many military bases throughout the nation, but many do not have the same electronic capabilities as Northwestern.

"We should strive to see what we can do to be first to meet those students' needs," Jindal said.

To meet the needs of Fort Polk soldiers and civilian students, Jindal suggested expanding course offerings and addressing other quality of life issues, such as transportation from Fort Polk and the possibility of on-campus food service. More full-time faculty and daytime classes were also items requested by students in a recent survey.

Jindal asked university officials to give him a prioritized list of the degree programs they would like to see offered at the Leesville/Fort Polk campus. Students have expressed interest in social work and computer classes.

Seymour named SACS evaluator

Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president for student affairs at Northwestern State University, has been selected as an evaluator for the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). As an evaluator, Seymour would serve on SACS visiting teams as required.

SACS accredits more than 12,000 public and private educational institutions, from prekindergarten through university level, in 11 states of the Southeastern U.S. and in Latin America. Member institutions regularly perform comprehensive self-evaluations to assist them in planning for improvement and to assure the public of their overall quality.

SACS is one of only six such regional accrediting organizations in the U.S. recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Member institutions are accredited through one of SACS' three commissions, the Commission on Colleges, the Commission on Secondary and Middle Schools, and the Commission on Elementary and Middle Schools.

Northwestern State University
Final Exam Schedule - Fall 1999 Semester

Final Day of Classes - Wednesday, December 8, 1999
Final Examinations - Thursday - Wednesday, December 9 - 15, 1999
Grades Due for Candidates - Friday, Decmber 16, 1999 (noon)

Graduating Seniors Exams
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Thursday, December 9, 1999		
	8:00 - 10:30	ENGL 0910, 0920, 1010, 1020 ENGL 3210, SCTT 1810-20, 2810-20 SCTT 3810, 4810-20
	11:00 - 1:30	8:00 MWF and MW classes
	2:00 - 4:30	9:30 TR classes
	5:30 - 8:00	2:00 TR classes
Friday, December 10, 1999		
	8:00 - 10:30	12:00 MWF and MW classes
	11:00 - 1:30	MATH 0910, 0920, 1020, 1060
	2:00 - 4:30	11:00 MWF and MW classes
	5:30 - 8:00	3:30 TR classes
Saturday, December 11, 1999		
	Saturday classes (arrange with instructors)	
Monday, December 13, 1999		
	8:00 - 10:30	12:30 TR classes
	11:00 - 1:30	9:00 MWF and MW classes
	2:00 - 4:30	CHEM 1030, 1040, 1070, 1080
	5:30 - 8:00	11:00 TR classes
Tuesday, December 14, 1999		
	8:00 - 10:30	8:00 TR classes
	11:00 - 1:30	2:00 MWF and MW classes
	2:00 - 4:30	10:00 MWF and MW classes
	5:30 - 8:00	4:00 MWF and MW classes
Wednesday, December 15, 1999		
	8:00 - 10:30	1:00 MWF and MW classes
	11:00 - 1:30	3:00 MWF classes

Examinations for classes that meet for three hours one time a week Monday - Friday will be given at the last regular class meeting.

Senior: High school students from around area follow 14 University "mentors" for day

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But the students did more than make desserts for the NSU faculty and staff. Some followed student leaders, such as Shawn Hornsby who serves as president of the Student Government Association and as editor of the Current Sauce.

"We went to both of his offices, and visited with a lot of people," said Steven Brazzell, a senior at Natchitoches Central High School. "He is a very busy guy."

Jenkins said he learned one important difference between high school and college during his visit to the University.

"In high school, they make you study," he said. "But in college, it's left up to you. You take the responsibility for your own education. I like that."

The students from Lakeview High School, Natchitoches Central High School and St. Mary's School, were chosen by their guidance counselors to participate in the program. They were randomly paired with Northwestern students who have either participated in or have expressed interest in participating in new student orientation programs, such as Freshman Connection.

High school students who participated were Lachake Smith, Raymond Turner, Joretta Denham, Goldie Davenport and LaTonya Williams, all of Lakeview High School; Ashley Balthazar, Jennifer Bayonne, Steven Brazzell and Melody Ponder, all of Natchitoches Central High School; and Danielle Digilormo, Sara Lirette, Kelly Powell, Mary Ann Lilley and Thomas Jenkins, all of St. Mary's.

Northwestern students who served as mentors were Tasha Jackson, Kyle Thomas, Alicia Hebert, Rondray Hill, Allison Bulot, Madi Rozas, Quincy Spencer, Shawn Hornsby, Polly Crawford, Angela Gaspard, Shelley Colvin, Michelle Meyer, Mark Bulot and Wes Breeden.

The program was the University's way to take part in National College Week, which was Nov. 15-19. The program was conceived by the U.S. Department of Education and sponsored by the American Council on Education. Other sponsors include the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, National Association for College Admission Counseling and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president for student affairs at Northwestern, said the first program here was a success and could be expanded upon in future years.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

SGA President Shawn Hornsby (left), high school senior Steven Brazzell, Madi Rozas, Polly Crawford and high school senior Melody Ponder tour the campus during the "College for a Day" program before Thanksgiving break. The program corresponded with National Collegiate Week.

Forty-five students named to University's Who's Who list for 1999

The 2000 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will include the names of 45 students from the University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from the University are:

1. Casey Michelle Ashley
2. Khakillya Shantalette Babers
3. Julie Anne Baker
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5. Nakia Bodley
6. William James Broussard
7. Caron Ashley Chester
8. Betsy Ruth Corley
9. Cindy A. Davis
10. Clifton Guy Davis
11. Scott Dodd
12. Amber Rae Elmer
13. Lynnette B. Ferguson
14. Raymond L. Floyd
15. Clarence Frank
16. Allison Elizabeth Fullop
17. Kelly McCoy Guin
18. Dana Cummings Haynes
19. Brigitte Denise Hollenshead
20. Tiameko Rochelle Jackson
21. Ashley Benson Jordan
22. Gylles Maree Landry
23. Wendy Renee Lanier
24. Emily Claire Leonard
25. Trevor St. Aubyn Liverpool
26. Jennifer Allen Long
27. Jennifer La'el Lord
28. Robert Shane McLamore
29. Candace Courtney McNabb
30. Richard Dale McPhearson
31. David Ray Meshell, Jr.
32. Heidi Louise Mullins
33. Mandi Leigh Myers
34. Matthew Earl Myrick
35. Louis Jacob Nelson, Jr.
36. Allen Earl Peters
37. Christopher Michael Pritchett
38. Amy Elizabeth Revelett
39. Lucas Shaw
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42. Christy Petty Thompson
43. Michelle Cowan Tiffee
44. Emily Tracy
45. Jessica Nicole Walker

KNWD s Best Christmas Fest Contest

KNWD will be offering prizes for the Best Christmas Fest parties.

Participating parties will compete for Prizes. If you are throwing a party on Christmas Festival day and are interested in competing come by the Demon in Room 107 of Kyser Hall to fill out a registration form.

Merry Christmas from the staff of the Demon Knwd 91.7 F.m.

EDITORIALS

He's back...

Just like a bad penny. Thought you got rid of me, huh? I bet you're mad, huh? It must have been a lot of work to get me in this much trouble. I bet you thought I was kicked out of the newspaper, expelled, and arrested. Well I wasn't. Actually I wasn't in any trouble at all. And I'm back in the newspaper. You all probably had good intentions. But you know what they say about the road to hell. But now I have to put disclaimers, so go ahead and claim a moral victory...all that screaming for nothing. Now for a disclaimer... Parental Discretion is advised. The comments expressed here are not necessarily the opinions of the newspaper staff, the journalism department, the administration of this fine university, The mayor of this fine city, the governor of this fine state or the author. Nor is it any of their business.

Any angry comments, marriage proposals, or questions about love should be sent directly to Tony Blancowho can be reached at Blancool@hotmail.com. Please do not read while attempting to operate anything. Now I open my heart...

Dear Tony,

I have a friend who has been one of the true supporters in my life. When times couldn't possibly get any worse for me he is there. I love him dearly. He recently visited his doctor and has been diagnosed with a degenerative illness and has one year to live. Within the next six months of his life he will not only struggle with degenerating muscle and organ tissue, with the loss of his immune system, but with the knowledge that his life will end before he turns twenty-one. Nothing can be done for him. This human being has seen me through some of the hardest times of my life and I don't know if I can be there for him now. I'm scared and need advice.
Please help.

Signed
Lost.

Dear Lost.

My deepest regrets. This must be horrifying for you. I can honestly say that nothing is more painful in life than watching someone you love waste away and die. Especially when you know that you are powerless to save him.
It takes a courageous person to stand by when things will only get worse. My advice: Bolt. Why should you Both suffer? He doesn't need you, he is only going to die anyway. Stop returning phone calls. Forget he ever existed.
There are Six billion people on this planet, just find someone else to love, someone who won't leave you. But then again, if you think about it, we are all mortal and are going to die. Everyone of your friends shows the potential to hurt you in the same way this so called "friend" is doing right now. Have you considered seclusion? I don't mean to pressure you but perhaps your illogical devotion to these "humans" reveals a weakness in character.
Only alone can you be truly happy.

Offended yet? Well, perhaps I can change that. Let us follow the processes behind this bit of writing so we may see the possible meaning within. Look, this is something of a sensitive topic and I realize the advice I gave was a bit distasteful, however, you should notice that the advice given was taken to its logical conclusion whereupon it became absurd, stupid and BAD. I think It would be BAD for humanity to use seclusion as a means for happiness. And since the conclusion reached was BAD Logically we have no other option but to assume then that the premise itself is BAD. Let me be astoundingly obvious and say that the advice was given in such a way to show just how BAD the advice is. Yes Virginia, this is a joke. Albeit not a very funny one. I offer this droning explanation to show some of the true dangers of life. The moral of the story is... If you think about a joke too much it just isn't funny anymore.

with just enough rope to hang myself,

tony blanco

The Current Sauce Wish List

Dear Santa:

Since we are preparing for the Christmas festival, the spirit is upon us and we want to make a few request. All in all we have been good this year and we promise to continue in our fine tradition of serving the student body.

We would like to see the completion of the new event center in Natchitoches bring in the World Wrestling Federation. It would be great to see the Rock and Stone Cold Steve Austin come to the City of Lights.

If you bring wrestling to Natchitoches, never ever schedule a match on a Monday night! While you're at it, we think RAW and NITRO should be moved to another night.

Also, it would be nice to get couch in our workroom for those long Monday nights of toil and heartache. Preferably, a couch with just enough ware to provide comfort but not so much it sags. We would also appreciate it if you had one of your gimpy elves spray it for bugs and odor.

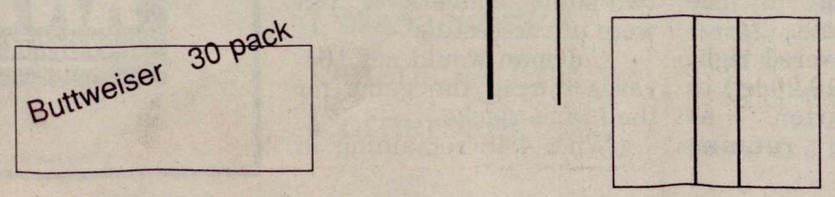
After you bring in the couch find us a good coffee machine that makes the fancy stuff with the creams and milk and whatever else those Star Buck's fiends drink.

Our greatest wish is for our dear Uncle Tommy to visit us after his retirement. Regular visitations would be excellent for morale... almost as good as firing someone. After all the mere sight of him is truly inspirational.

Regardless of the gifts you bring us, we will continue our tradition of hard work and good laughs throughout the academic year.

Thanks,

The Staff of The Current Sauce



Marginalia

For those of you wondering about your long lost friend tony, I would like to explain. Tony was temporarily suspended from the paper and his column is always on the edge... literally.

I think tony has a good message and has had good messages in the past but we were too unwilling to look beneath the surface of the words to realize that he was in fact making a joke out of a situation. He was poking fun at the way people respond to certain situations...albeit was an extreme approach.

This week, he very clearly spells out what he is saying, although the fact that he has to spell it out weakens the humor of the whole article. That is a crying shame!

It is unfortunate that a few back woods country girls were so offended because they could not look at the essence of what was being said. I will agree that tony's style is somewhat brutal but it is not impossible for someone with the intelligence to tie their own shoes and feed themselves to take the time to read what is being said and not the words.
It is like hearing someone talk as opposed to listening to them. Just take time look into what is under the surface.

Tony is here on an article by article basis as long as we can focus his energies.

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Ask the presidential candidate

Once every four years, we as Americans vote for our leader. We as a country only vote for two leaders: the president and vice president. Fortunately, I have the opportunity to meet some of the people who are running for president. In January, I, along with Senate Chair Earl Gates, will travel to New Hampshire to meet several of the leading candidates in each party.

College Club 2000 is a caucus consisting of campus leaders from across the nation. Louisiana has the largest registered delegation so far and the candidates know it. We have the opportunity to represent Louisiana to the next president of the United States.

What's in it for you?

You can submit questions to me or ask for stances on certain issues. Many of you will throw this chance away by not participating. All you have to do is email me at sga@alpha.nsula.edu and I will do the rest. The University would look much better if I had to run through a list of questions presented by you the student body instead of me following my own agenda.

Here are some of the topics to get you thinking of some questions. On the agenda are: the AFL CIO, the National Rifle Association, Pat Buchanan, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Al Gore and others. Featured speakers include James Carville, Tony Blankley and Bob Dornan. Issues to be discussed are tuition control, social security and income taxes.
If you have any ideas please email them to sga@alpha.nsula.edu or call 357-4501 and ask for Shawn or Earl.

As a point of interest to all students and faculty members - presidential hopeful Gary Bauer is expected to participate in this year's Christmas Festival parade. Nick Pollacia, executive director of the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce, said all presidential candidates were invited to ride in the parade but only Bauer accepted.

Shawn T. Hornsby

SPORTS

Hoops struggles on road; settles old rival at home

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

While the Thanksgiving holidays are traditionally meant for giving thanks and sharing with others, the Demon basketball team didn't recive a warm welcome from their oppoenents.

Last week, the Demons spent the holidays playing four games, three of which were on the road, but came away with only one win.

The Demons, who now are 1-3 overall, played two tough teams from the north, Wyoming and Kansas State, two NIT participants, then came home to face Louisiana College and then go back on the road to battle Troy State.

The Demons' first battle was with the Wyoming Cowboys at Laromie, Wy. Fans totaling 5,255 attended a game the Demons could never quite get a handle on. Chris Thompson would lead all scorers with 15 points, but the Cowboys dominated in the 92-54 win. The Demons managed to shoot only 32 percent from the floor while the Cowboys hit 54 percent of their attempted shots.

Leading the way for Wyoming was Anthony Blakes, who put in 14 points for the Cowboys. Wyoming had five players in double figures, including 13 points from Ugo Udezue. Northwestern was also outrebounded 47-32.

Richard Taylor had 12 points in the losing effort. Combining for six rebounds each were Charles and Chris Thompson along with Allan Polk. Josh Hancock, who missed the first exhibition game with an ankle sprain, returned to the lineup.

Wyoming raced out to a 25-48 lead at the halftime and never trailed.

Coach McConathy got a much better performance from his team the next Sunday. Playing in front of over a thousand fans, the Demons were within one steal and a 3-pointer of pulling off a major upset against the Kansas State Wildcats. The Demons' 17 steals set a new stadium record for K-State, but in the end, the Wildcats were the beneficiaries of a few good breaks and escaped Bramledge stadium with a 6-71 win.

Ryan Duplesis and Richard Taylor combined for 33 points and each had five steals in the close loss. With 1:03 left in the ball game, the Demons found themselves down only two points when K-State's Galen Morrison grabbed a loose ball. On the previous play, it was Morrison who picked up a charging call.

After the steal, the Wildcats iced the game with free throws from Josh Reid.

"We just tried to come out and play as hard as we can," Duplesis later said. "We want people that we don't want to play, these big schools and just play close games."

In total, the Demons forced 26 turnovers in the game but were once again outrebounded 42-23. K-State also got 42 points from the free-throw line.

In the first home game of the season, the Demons welcomed a much-tougher Louisiana College team. The oldest rivalry in Louisiana today, spanning 81 years and 151 games, saw Duplesis steal the show, erupting for 20 points in the 61-58 victory.

The Wildcats, who were down 57-42 with five minutes left, ignited a run not unlike the Demons' run at Kansas State two days earlier. The Wildcats could have tied the game with about one minute left, trailing only by three.

Pooh Davis and Charles Thompson helped fend off the attack with 10 points each and for the first time this season, the Demons held the advantage in the rebound department 40-37.

The Demons lead the series 114-37.

After the Louisiana College win, the Demons hit the road again, this time to face the Trojans of Troy State. The Demons got into foul trouble early, costing them in the 93-79 loss.

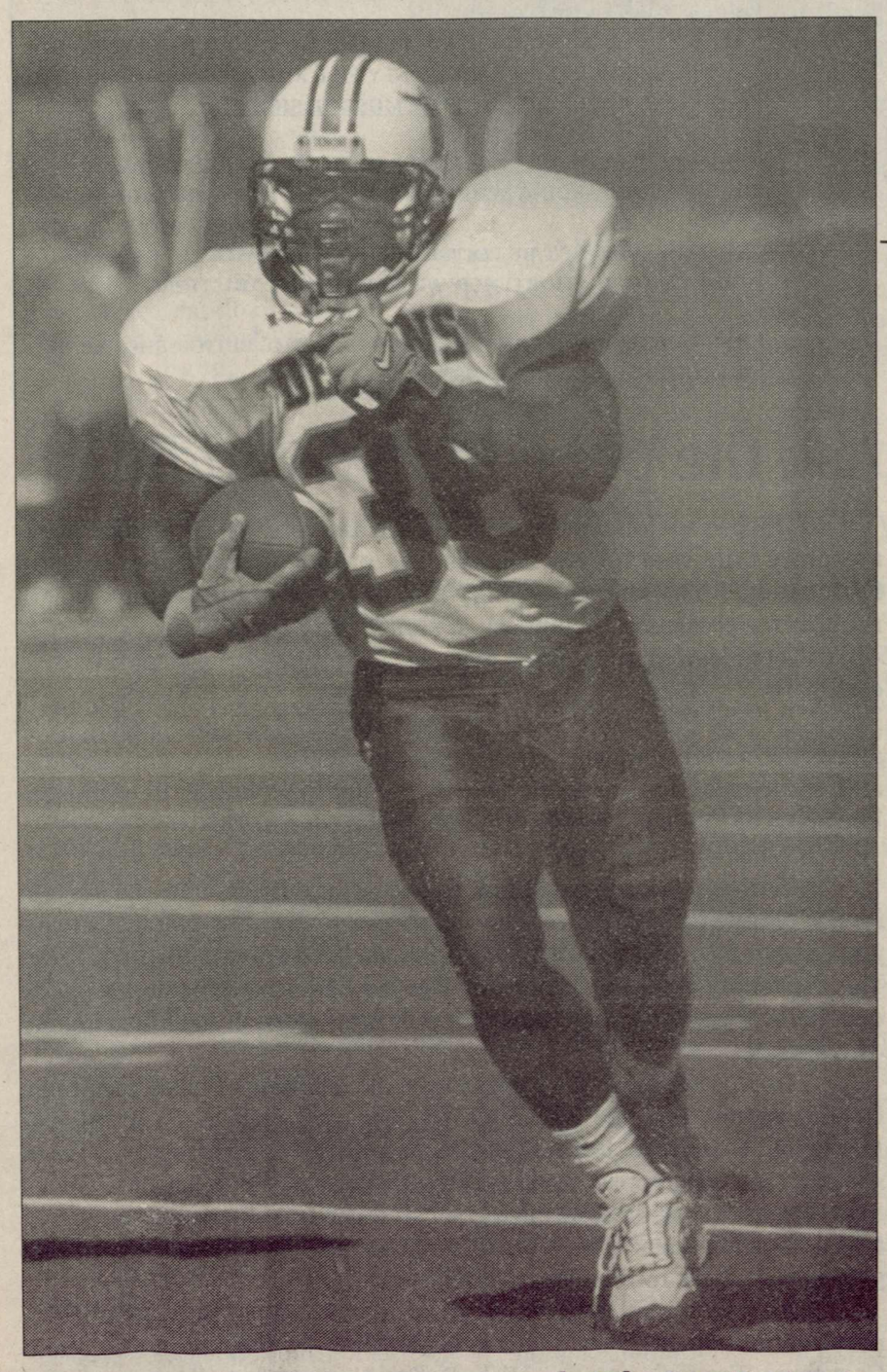
NSU committed 23 fouls in the game, with Richard Taylor fouling out of his first game. Before fouling out, however, Taylor would lead the Demons in scoring with 20 points.

While the 3-point shots usually fall for the Demons, the 3-point touch seemed to be with the Trojans. TSU would hit an astonishing 73 percent (14-19) of the 3-point shots they attempted. The Demons hit 27 percent from behind the line.

photo by Gary Hardamon

Alann Polk rebounds the ball six times in the Demons' 92-54 loss to Wyoming. The Demons came back before Turkey Day and edged the Louisiana College Widcats out of a 61-58 victory.

Chief Caddo leaves the fieldhouse in Lumberjack hands



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The 1999 Demon Football Season came to a halt as the Demons lost 29-14 to the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks. The Demons end the year with a 4-7 mark.1

Demons dwindle in 29-14 loss to SFA

Cade Brumley
Sauce Reporter

The Lumberjacks from Stephen F. Austin won the battle for Chief Caddo Saturday as they beat the Demons 29-14 in Southland Conference play.

College football's biggest trophy was on the line Saturday between two old rivals in Turpin Stadium. Chief Caddo is 7-foot-6 and weighs over 320 pounds. The Demons have won nine out of the past 12 battles, including a 35-21 lead last year. In Chief Caddo's 38 years, he has spent 29 in Natchitoches.

The Lumberjacks scored on the opening possession of the game as shoeless Ted Woodard nailed a 43-yard field goal to put the SFA on top 3-0 with 11:16 remaining in the first quarter.

NSU answered right back with 10:20 left in the quarter, as sophomore running back Tony Taylor found a hole and sprinted 91-yards to the end zone.

During the game, Taylor broke the single season rushing record with 1,441 yards. Also, his 91-yard run is posted as the second longest in school and conference history.

Next, SFA quarterback Wes Pate completed a 24-yard pass to Isiah Stoker for the score with 4:17 left in the first quarter. The extra point would be blocked by Demon Roy Locks.

Pate would finish the game with eight completions off 20 attempts for 139-yards.

Then, with 9:48 remaining in the second quarter, NSU quarterback Aubry Jones completed a 38-yard pass to wide receiver Chris Pritchett.

Pritchett ended his NSU career with 81 receptions, locking in an 8th spot at NSU for receptions in a career.

The Demons would take a 14-9 lead into the half, but would not score again.

To open the second half, SFA would score off a KaRon Coleman run for 18-yards. They attempted a two-point conversion but were unsuccessful.

Coleman would net 164-yards during the game for the Lumberjacks.

With 4:48 remaining in the game, Coleman would get into the end zone once again, on a 1-yard score.

Then, after an Aubry Jones interception, Coleman would find his way for the score once again with 2:39 remaining in the game.

After this score, the SFA cheerleaders went to the Jack Clayton Plaza, picked up Chief Caddo and carried him to their side.

As the game came to an end, SFA popped the tops of champagne on the field in celebration.

This game ended the '99 season for the Demons, who will not make the playoffs.

"I think if we work hard in the spring, mix in a few guys, we've got the talent to be good," stated NSU head coach Sam Goodwin regarding next season.

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Demons say grace in three wins

Gave top national scorer Jackie Stiles good competition in 71-57 loss

Jay Lyles
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons are on their way to defending the Southland Conference Championship they won last year.

Since opening the season at Southwest Missouri, the Lady Demons have won three games to put their record at 3-1.

Northwestern went head-to-head with Southwest Missouri last week and played a very good game against the celebrated Missouri Valley Conference team.

Last year, SMS was ranked 20th in the nation by a USA Today/ESPN womens basketball poll.

Northwestern was also forced to cover the second highest scoring player in the country, Jackie Stiles.

Stiles managed to score an average of 25.7 ppg while garnering up the MVC Most Valuable Player honors.

Northwestern did not have to face this team empty handed, however; they had the Southland Conference player of the year, Judy Clark. The final score of 71-57 put the game in the books for SMS, but not until NSU had let them know they were there.

In other NSU basketball action, the Lady Demons took their road tour to Chicago and faced two very tough teams in the Depaul University Moran Realty Classic.

The Lady Demons confronted James Madison and won in a 91-83 victory. Kia Converse was a large part of the victory, as she hit a personal scoring record of 31 points in the game.

Other Lady Demons did not shy away from the competition. Clark scored 19 points and shelled out a game high of nine assists. Senior guard Jennifer Graf also stepped up, scoring 11 points against James Madison.

After winning the game, Northwestern played for the tournament prize against a tough Big East Conference school, Seton Hall.

The game went the Lady Demons' way, as they brought about a 60-50 victory.

The Lady Demons played very well in the course of the game. A lead of only four points during the first half was turned into the game-winning ten points.

Seniors Louise Chase and Graf contributed 11 points each to the total. Clark came in next with ten points.

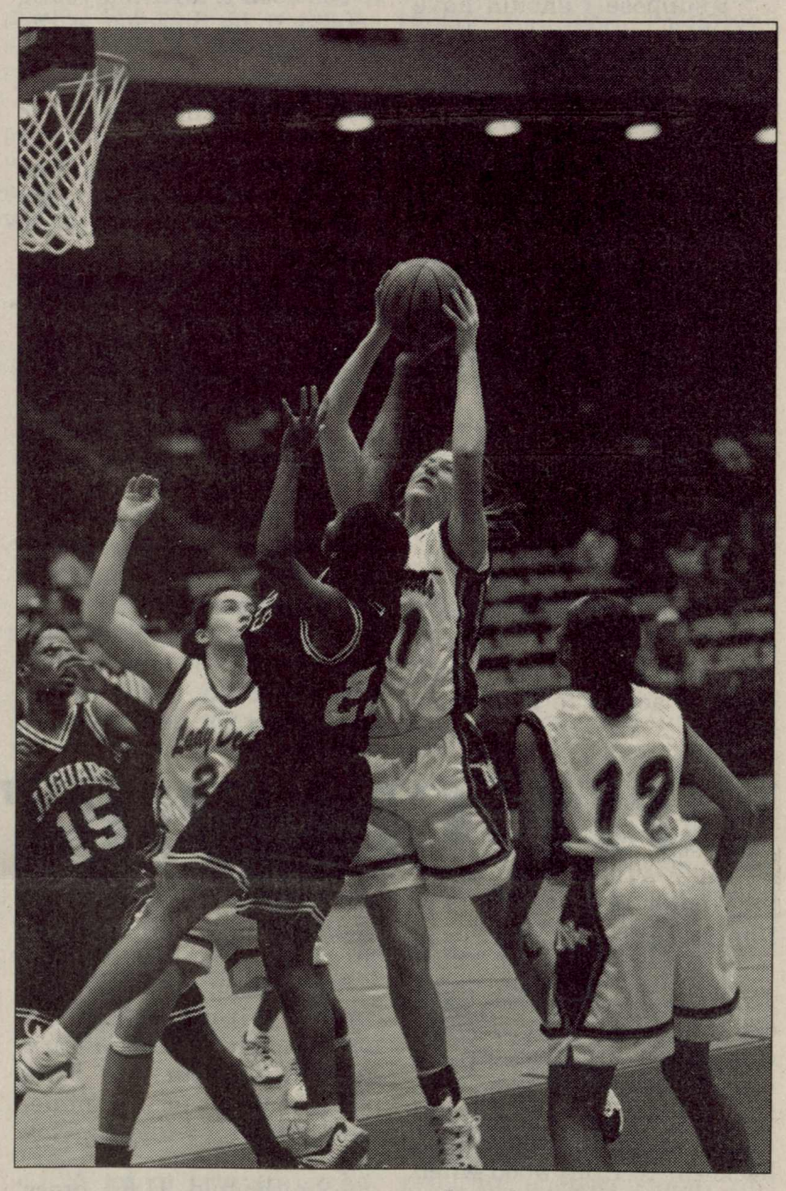
These games were not the only things bestowed on players. Two NSU players were selected to the 1999 Moran Realty All-Tournament Team. Converse (who also won the MVP award) and Clark made up the representation for Northwestern.

Lady Demons Thanksgiving Scores

Southwest Missouri	**71**
Lady Demons	57
Lady Demons	**66**
Jackson State	53
Lady Demons	**91**
James Madison	83
Lady Demons	**60**
Seton Hall	50

photo by Gary Hardamon

The 1999 Lady Demons begin their campaign with winning three games. Their only loss came against the Southwest Missouri Lady Bears in a 71-57 defeat. The Lady Demons faced Jackie Stiles, one of the top scorers in the nation.



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Emily Huey fights her way downcourt in the Lady Demons' 66-53 win over Jackson State.

Taylor, Green and Broussard named to First Team All-SFL

Sports Information

The Southland Football League's leading rusher, sophomore tailback Tony Taylor and seniors William Broussard and Mike Green headline Northwestern State's contingent on the All-SFL team chosen Tuesday by conference head coaches.

Taylor, Broussard and Green were first-team selections. Taylor and Green, a safety, repeated from the 1988 All-SFL first team while Broussard, a center, was a second-team selection a year ago.

Northwestern (4-7), which failed to win a third straight SFL championship, had five other players on the second team and five more receive honorable mention recognition.

Demons on the second team were sophomore receiver Nathan Black, sophomore offensive guard Gene Tennison, sophomore defensive tackle Herchel Monroe, redshirt freshman linebacker Kurt Rodriguez and true freshman cornerback Terrence McGee.

Honorable mention selections from Northwestern were senior safety B.J. Williams, senior receiver Chris Pritchett, senior linebacker Damion Brown, redshirt freshman defensive end Roy Locks and sophomore cornerback Kendrick Llorens.

Taylor set Demon single-season records for rushing yards (1,441), attempts (263), touchdowns (16) and points (96). His rushing total was the sixth-best in Southland history.

Broussard was the pivotal figure in the offensive front line which paved the way for Taylor.

Broussard was a second-team All-American last season and is a candidate to repeat this year.

Green made 99 tackles, 14 pass breakups and 2 interceptions on the heels of winning All-America honors as a junior. In his senior year, Green scored a pair of touchdowns defensively, blocking a punt and recovering it for a TD at Troy State and returning an interception 37 yards for the go-ahead score against Southwest Texas State.

Sam Houston State senior quarterback Chris Chaloupka won three of the individual awards on the all-conference team, being named Player of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year. He transferred from Oklahoma State and threw for 2,503 yards.

Troy State linebacker Anthony Rabb was voted Defensive Player of the Year after leading all conference players with 153 tackles.

His coach, Larry Blakeney, was named SFL Coach of the Year after guiding the Trojans to a 10-1 record and the No. 5 seeding in the Division I-AA playoffs.

Quarterback Reggie Stancil of Jacksonville State was voted Freshman of the Year after averaging 174 yards passing and 209 yards of total offense.

The Demons return nine of their 12 All-SFL selections among 49 letterwinners back for the 2000 season.

Black was one of the league's top threats at receiver with 31 catches for 674 yards and 2 TDs along with an 11.4 average on 32 punt returns.

Tennison, who started the last six games of his true freshman year as the Demons reached the 1998 Division I-AA semifinals, gave Northwestern a dominant blocker from his left guard slot.

Monroe (5-11, 321) included nine tackles for lost yards (5 sacks) among his 51 tackles, best among the Purple Swarm defense's down linemen.

Rodriguez (6-2, 235) won a starting job at middle linebacker early in the season and piled up 111 tackles, second only to Williams, who led the Demons with 113 stops. Rodriguez topped the team with 16 tackles for lost yardage (minus 71 yards), including six sacks. He had two interceptions and recovered a fumble.

McGee started the last nine games of his first college season and led Northwestern with 15 pass breakups, the fourth-best single-season total in Sam Goodwin's 17 years as head

NSU All-SFL Honorees

First Team

Mike Green	Defensive Back
William Broussard	Center
Tony Taylor	Tailback

Second Team

Nathan Black	Wide Receiver
Gene Tennison	Offensive Guard
Herschel Monroe	Defensive Tackle
Kurt Rodriguez	Linebacker
Terrence McGee	Cornerback

Honorable Mention

B.J. Williams	Safety
Chris Pritchett	Wide Receiver
Damion Brown	Linebacker
Roy Locks	Defensive End
Kendrick Llorens	Cornerback

Sleepy Hollow is one of Burton s best

Raechal Leone
A & E Editor

Director Tim Burton is known for his gothic, creative filmmaking style and for his fantastical, memorable characters; Burton has never been as deserving of that reputation as he is after making *Sleepy Hollow*.

Although the movie is based on a folk legend written by Washington Irving hundreds of years ago, Burton, along with a lot of help from actors Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci, manages to give the story new life and even some suspense.

I suppose I should have expected nothing less than to get my $6.50 worth from the mastermind behind movies such as *Edward Scissorhands*, *Beetlejuice* and *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*, but I must admit I was a little skeptical. After all, between those aforementioned movies, there were also films like *Ed Wood* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, which were at best a little on the psychotic side.

However, my main reason for seeing *Sleepy Hollow* was not the fact that Tim Burton directed it, but that it stars the always attractive Johnny Depp and the darkly talented Christina Ricci. I found both of these actors to be at heir best, with Depp's performance comparable to his title role in *Edward Scisorhands*. Depp's portrayal of "Ichabod Crane" is fun and refreshing, yet mysterious and true to Irving's original depiction.

As for Ricci, it was great to see her play a sweet young girl as opposed to the vindictive, manipulative teenager she has portrayed in her last several films. Don't get me wrong, Ricci is fantastic in films such as *The Opposite of Sex , The Ice Storm* and *200 Cigarettes*, but as a devoted fan since her performance in *Mermaids* with Cher and Winona Ryder, I think she could do more. I would hate to see such a talented young actress to be typecast at the age of 19.

Finally, Burton has given Ricci a chance to prove how versatile her talent is by casting her as the heroine in a love affair. In *Sleepy Hollow*, she is the feminine, kind character that she usually takes advantage of in her other roles.

Aside from Depp and Ricci, the scenery and costumes are the other stars of the film. From the opening scenes, the audience is transplanted to the late 19th century New York state, complete with women in corsets and men in powdered wigs.

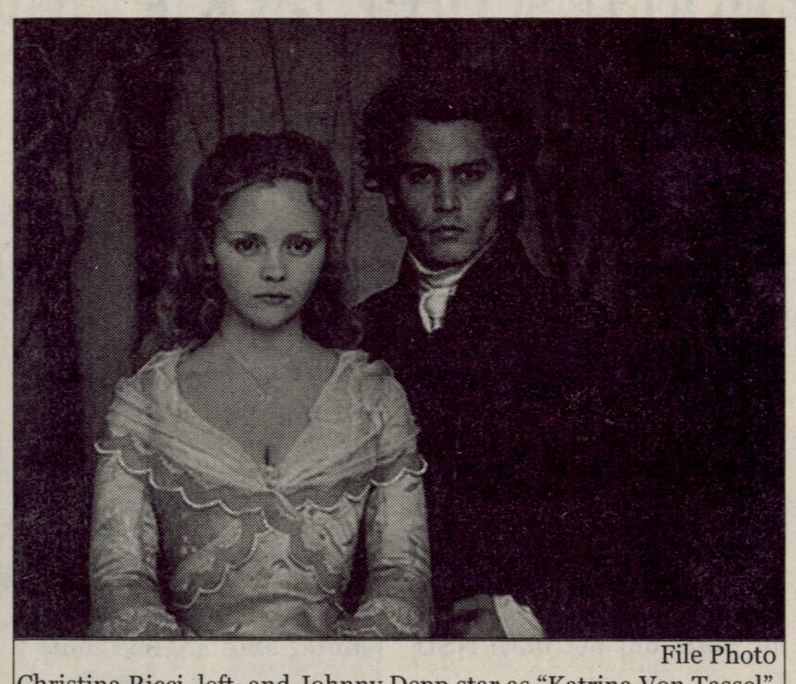
The sets for New York City, where the film begins, are amazingly realistic, but the sets for the actual village of Sleepy Hollow are breathtaking. It is obvious that Burton and his crew did their research and tried their best to painstakingly recreate every last detail of New York during this time period, right down to the torture devices and court rooms. But not to worry, Burton also added the gothic touch all of his films have in common.

Although the Academy will likely overlook the actors when handing out Oscar nods, there is no way they can ignore the set and costume design team.

The script, which gives "Ichabod Crane" and the other characters a surprising sense of humor and an instant likability, is another outstanding element of the film. The plot has detective "Crane" being forced to travel from New York City to Sleepy Hollow to investigate several murders of local citizens, allegedly carried out by the "Headless Horseman."

"Crane" is sentenced to go to the tiny village because he has a modern, scientific way of solving cases that his colleagues do not accept, and which he himself finds of little use in Sleepy Hollow since he is dealing with the supernatural "Headless Horseman."

Thus far into the movie, the plot is pretty simple, but it thickens when "Crane" discovers that a mortal is controlling the "Headless Horseman."



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Christina Ricci, left, and Johnny Depp star as "Katrina Von Tassel" and "Ichabod Crane," respectively, in the holiday film *Sleepy Hollow*. The film is directed by Tim Burton, the man responsible for hits such as *Beetlejuice* and *Edward Scissorhands*.

While Depp's character struggles to find the citizen behind the murders- and the murderer- he also falls in love with the daughter of the most powerful man in the village. "Crane" is now torn between love, his instincts and his sense of scientific reasoning.

If there is any weak element in the script, it is the underdevelopment of the romance between Depp's and Ricci's characters. The two meet with a kiss during a game of what looks like an adult spin-the-bottle and they have few conversations before Depp declares that his young friend has "bewitched him." Of course, most period films have romances like this, that seem to appear to have little or no substance and that make the audience feel like they have missed something.

Sleepy Hollow has action, a lot more humor than one would expect and the trademark Tim Burton look and feel to it. The actors give incredible performances and the plot of the story is more complex and dramatic than the original.

The movie is definitely one of the most outstanding of the holiday season, and

VOTE CELEBRITIES FOR U.S.

Larry Collins
Sauce Staff

With Election Day right around the corner, candidates are popping up from the strangest places. In this election period Capital Hill is beginning to take a backseat to Hollywood when it comes to churning out presidential hopefuls.

Hollywood has a rich history of supplying capital buildings and congressional offices with qualified officials.

From former actor and president Ronald Regan to former basketball star and current presidential hopeful Bill Bradley to the late mayor and recording artist Sonny Bono, Hollywood has made it's mark on the political scene.

The latest Tensiletown resident considering throwing his hat in the political ring is actor Will Smith. Although he has never served in the military, he did play an Air Force pilot in the summer blockbuster *Independence Day*.

Smith told U.K. press' "*The Sun*," that politics may be in his future. Smith continued to say that he always envisioned himself as the nation's first black president, but would wait at least ten years to begin his campaign.

Minnesota governor and former World Wrestling Federation athlete Jesse Ventura came close to not being the only participant of a violent spectator sport to hold an office. Talk show host Jerry Springer, who is known for his hostile and often irreverent television program, considered joining the United States Senate.

E! Online predicted that if Springer were elected "C-Span ratings would go through the roof."

This would not have been the 55-year-old Democrat's first time in politics. Springer was a member the Cincinnati City Council at the age of 33 and was a former aide to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Though many people polled said that they would vote for Springer, Al Gore need not worry about a Springer threat on his aspirations for the presidency. Springer was born in London, thus excluding him from any chances at becoming Commander in Chief.

Actress and Emmy nominee Cybill Shepherd proves that Hollywood politics are not just limited to men.

She said that she is "seriously considering" trying to become the leader of our country.

Attorney Gloria Allred told E-online that the actress' pro-choice views are what originally brought Shepherd to her attention.

Although it is not known what political party Shepherd would choose to represent, she is a long time supporter of the pro-choice political-action committee, Voters for Choice, as well as an advocate for gay, lesbian and women's rights.

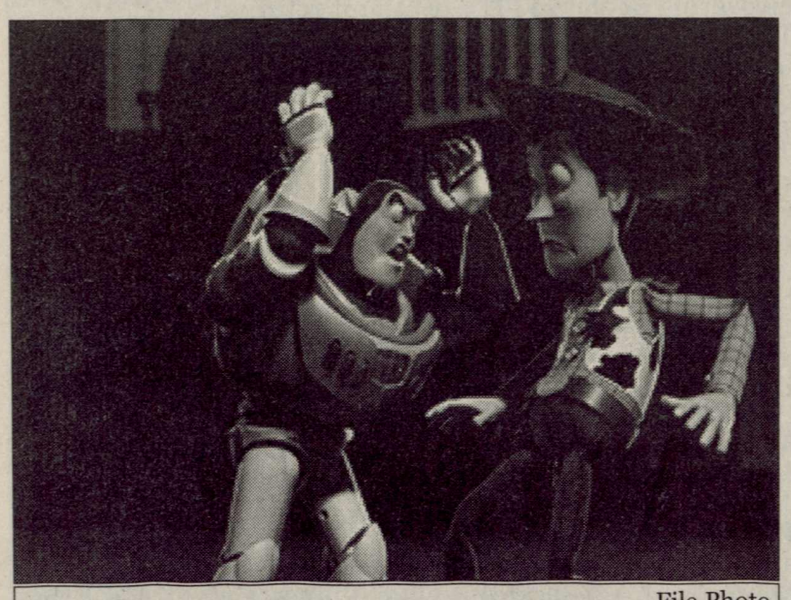
For a brief period former Mr. Universe Arnold Schwarzenegger considered becoming a candidate for the office of Governor of California in 2002. He feels that he shares a compassionate conservativeness with presidential hopeful and Texas Governor George W. Bush.

Schwarzenegger and Ventura have more in common now than dreams of political achievement and roles in the action thriller *Predator*. Recently the star was christened into the World Wrestling Federation on its Monday night ratings winner "Raw is War."

Ventura feels that Schwarzenegger should not venture into the world of politics.

"My advice to Arnold as

Toy Story 2 shatters records



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Tim Allen stars as "Buzz Lightyear" and Tom Hanks as "Woody" in *Toy Story 2*, this weekend's top movie. The film has grossed over $80 million dollars since it's wide release last Wednesday.

Disney and Pixar's *Toy Story 2* shattered box office records and received virtually unanimous positive reviews over the Thanksgiving weekend. Released on Wednesday, the sequel to the 1995 film *Toy Story* has already raked in a reported $81.1 million, $57.7 million of which was brought in Friday through Sunday alone.

Toy Story 2 beat the Thanksgiving weekend record set last year by another collaboration between their studio and Pixar, *A Bug's Life*.

The 19th installment of the James Bond films, *The World Is Not Enough*, fell to second place in it's second weekend at the box office. Starring Pierce Brosnan and Denise Richards, the film pulled in $35 million over the long holiday, bringing it's total to $76.3 million.

The Arnold Schwarzenegger vehicle *End of Days* opened at the No. 3 position, with a total weekend gross of $31 million.

The retelling of *Sleepy Hollow* slipped two spots to fourth place over the holiday, bringing the film's total gross to $62.1 million after two weeks.

In fifth place was *Pokemon:The First Movie* which had a huge loss of their audience with the debut of *Toy Story 2*. The animated movie earned only $9 million over the weekend, but has pulled in a total of $77.7 million.

Director Joel Schumacher's drag-queen movie *Flawless*, starring Robert DeNiro, opened at No. 12 and brought in a mere $2 million over the five-day weekend.

Best Selling Albums

Here are the week's top albums, according to the *Entertainment Weekly* magazine website, ew.com:

1. Korn- *Issues*

2. Dr. Dre- *Dr. Dre 2001*

3. Celine Dion- *All the Way... A Decade of Song*

4. Santana- *Supernatural*

5. Will Smith- *Willennium*

6. Backstreet Boys- *Millennium*

7. Mariah Carey- *Rainbow*

8. Britney Spears- *Baby One More Time*

9. Chef Raekwon- *Immobilarity*

10. Faith Hill- *Breathe*

CHRISTMAS GALA THIS WEEKEND, HORNIST RECITAL ON MONDAY

The creative and performing arts department will present "A Christmas Gala" concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday. Admission is free and open to the public.

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Adam Unsworth, hornist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, will present a series of masterclasses, lessons and a recital as an artist in residence at Northwestern State University Dec. 1-7. The program is sponsored in part by the NSU Artist Series.

Unsworth will give an orchestral master class on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall with several wind players performing excerpts from the standard symphonic repertoire.

On Thursday, he will present a solo master class at 4 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. NSU horn students including V.J. Russell of Gonzaales, Deanna Myers of Los Alamos, N.M., Ray Bourg and Eric Zelasko of Houma and Bart Romero of New Iberia, will perform.

On the next day, Unsworth will discuss music and jazz theory at 11 a.m. in Room 304 of the Old Wing of the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts.

On Monday at 7:30 p.m., Unsworth will present a solo recital in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. Instructor of piano Christine Allen will be the accompanist. Unsworth will perform several new pieces for the recital, including "Nocturne" by Anthony Plog, "Sonatina" by David Gwilt, "Cantilena" by Ernest Baker, Jean-Michel Defaye's "Alpha" and Daniel Schnyder's "le monde minuscule." He will also perform the Christoph Forster "Concerto in E Flat" from the baroque era.

Unsworth joined the Philadephia Orchestra as fourth horn last year after three years as second horn with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He received his formal training at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. where he studied with former Chicago Symphony Orchestra members Norman Schweikert and Gail Williams.

While continuing his studies with Douglas Hill at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Unsworth performed as a member of the Beloit-Janesville and Madison Symphony Orchestra. He also performed for one year in the New World Symphony, performing in the orchestra's home in Miami, as well as touring in France and throughout South America. Unsworth has also performed extensively with the Chicago Symphony, taking part in its 1994 European tour and 1994 Ravinia summer season.

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Singletary to speak at University

As of press time, NFL Hall of Famer and Chicago Bears great Mike Singletary was scheduled to speak at 11:45 a.m. today at Prather Coliseum.

Singletary was expected to address more than 1,000 junior high, high school and college students from six different parishes.

Tuesday's program is sponsored by the University's group of Fellowship of Christain Athletes.

Singeltary played for over a decade with the Bears and was selected to the NFL's 75th Anniversary Team as a linebacker.

Singletary

He played a key part in the 1985 Bears Super Bowl XX winning team.

Singletary retired in the mid 90s.

Commissioner of Higher Education discusses tuition increase

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

At the recent Council for Student Body Presidents Convention in Lafayette, Dr. Joseph Savoie, commissioner of higher education, announced a proposal to tie Louisiana university's tuition rates with other universities in the South.

Many Louisiana college students at the convention displayed their disapprovement of the plan, saying that tuition is too high for the lack of resources provided.

Savoie explained that the proposal does not necessarily entail a tuition increase. Instead, the plan creates a system for using the Southern Regional Average (SRA) as a guide for Louisiana universities, Savoie said.

According to the SRA, Northwestern is a four-year-four university, which is defined as a university with 30 master's educational specialist degrees spread over five disciplines. The SRA lists four-year-four university's annual tuition as $2,195, approximately $1,095 per semester. The average for Louisiana universities is $2,088, $53.50 under the southern average.

"We're not looking at a tuition increase, exactly," Savoie said. "We're looking to use the average as a guide. The point is we want a responsible strategy for setting tuition."

According to Savoie's proposed plan, universities will have a more systematic approach to setting tuition, which will prevent large tuition increases over extended periods of time. The plan also calls for equal distribution of the tuition increase among the legislature and students.

Currently, Louisiana has two primary funding sources for higher education: state appropriated fees and self-generated fees. These two sources fund approximately 80 percent of the total higher education budget.

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Townsend visits University

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

University graduate and newly elected state Rep. Taylor Townsend outlined his plans for education Friday during a talk to various sociology and political science classes.

Townsend listed five points his term in office will focus on: preschool, increased teacher pay, more money in the classroom, fully funded alternative schools and parental involvement.

In implementing his policies, he plans to consult a panel of educators and psychologists.

"I think that it's time to listen to those teachers who are in the trenches," Townsend said.

About $35,000 - $40,000 is spent to house a juvenile prisoner per year, Townsend said.

"We need the money on the front end of a child's life," Townsend said.

Townsend said that increasing teachers' pay would increase their morale while also keeping these teachers in Louisiana.

"The best and the brightest [teachers] weren't going to put up with the bull and be the bastard stepchildren for the pay they were receiving," Townsend said.

Presently, 45 percent of funding never reaches the classroom, Townsend said.

Townsend said that he would see to it that school funding gets to where it needs to be.

He also said that he will confront the issue of school discipline a little differently than it has been confronted in the past.

"They [students with disciplinary problems] shouldn't be kicked out and thrown to the court system," Townsend said. "We shouldn't throw them to the streets and the wolves."

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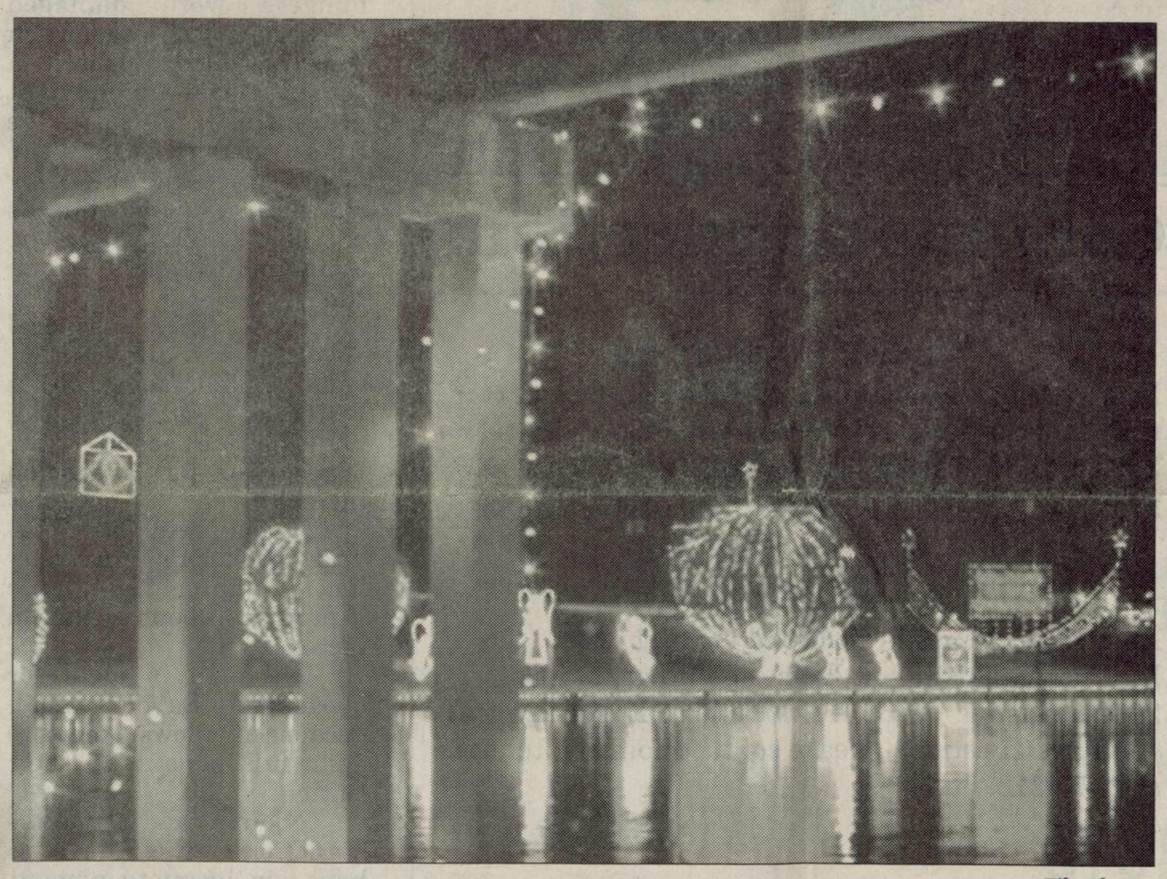

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The world - famous Natchitoches Christmas Festival and City of Lights has been a staple of the community for 73 years. This year the festival had many new attractions and thousands attended despite inclement weather conditions.

Christmas Festival enjoyed despite weather

Thousands endure rain and cold to enjoy unique experience

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

This year's Christmas Festival brought those from near and far to see the City of Lights.

Attending the parade, the arts and crafts and the fireworks brought mixed feelings from the crowd. Some people enjoyed their time, while others would have rather stayed in because of the rain. Still others feel that despite the rain, they would come again to experience the festival.

Charlie Daigle from New Orleans says that even though he's from a big city, he still likes to enjoy small town fun.

"It's just something neat to do, something different. There are lots of things to do in New Orleans, but it's nice to do something different outside of a big city," Daigle said.

Demetrius Johnson came from Lake Charles to see the festival. "I had heard about it from some friends. I was finally able to come up here myself to see what all the fuss was about. If it hadn't rained, it might have been a perfect day. Maybe I'll come back next year if it doesn't rain again," Johnson said.

Those from out-of-state seem to make it a yearly tradition to come to the festival.

"We came all the way from Oklahoma. It's a big thing to come here. I hate that it rained, but it didn't stop my family from having fun. We come every year," said Shirley Yearling.

Paul Trenton is from Duluth, Minn., and comes every year with his family, as well. Trenton says that he also feels it's something different to experience around the Christmas season.

There were others, though, that felt it wasn't quite worth the trip.

"I may live just an hour away in Shreveport, but I don't think it was worth it. There's just too much hype and the rain ruined everything. I would have rather stayed home dry. You've seen one fireworks show, you've seen them all," said Travis Mack.

Connie Romero-Decono is a University student from Argentina. She says that the fireworks remind her of home.

"In my country, we have fireworks at Christmas and New Year's, so seeing the fireworks reminded me of being home at Christmas. We watch them off of the sea, so watching them off the lake was like being at home," Romero-Decono said.

Travis McElduff from Baton Rouge isn't sure whether he'll make the trip again next year.

"I liked the entertainment and the fireworks, but the rain and the crowd was just too much. I'm not sure if I'll come back if it's going to be like this next year," McElduff said.

James Merrick from Natchez, Miss., says he loved it all.

"I had a blast. The parade was nice and so were the arts and crafts. I didn't care that it rained. That made it more fun for me. SHA-NA-NA was great and the fireworks were awesome. I'll definitely come back," Merrick said.

"I may just live an hour away in Shreveport, but I don't think it was worth it."

Travis Mack,
Christmas Festival Patron

Admission fee draws mixed opinions from festival crowd

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

For the first time in 73 years, people were charged to enter Front Street and the riverbank in downtown Natchitoches at Saturday's Christmas festival.

All festival-goers over the age of 11 were charged $3 to attend the festival and parade.

Nick Polatia of the chamber of commerce said inflation and the escalating cost of running the festival caused the mandatory charge.

"In order to make the festival competitive, we felt it necessary to introduce big name entertainment," said Polatia. "Of course big name entertainment carries a pretty large price tag."

"A lot of tourists come and they don't want to pay a lot of money to see Christmas lights," said Toby Herbert. "They [the community] are already going to make a fortune, so I think it would be a lot better if they didn't have to pay $3 to get on Front Street."

Polatia said that ways to fund the festival are limited to corporate sponsor donations and money collected from the vendors on Front Street. He said that the vendors do not make enough money to carry the cost of putting on the festival.

Natchitoches native Kristie Pierre said that last year there was a volunteer donation to attend, and she gladly donated $1. However, she said that she has a problem with the mandatory charge.

"...As a community we should have the right to go on any public street," said Pierre. "It was always free before, and now all of a sudden...there's a charge."

Polatia said that because the charge was not enforced last year, it did not generate enough money to cover the expenses. Polatia also said that tickets were sold two weeks in advance to allow locals an opportunity to purchase cheaper tickets and avoid longer lines. The discounted tickets were sold for $2.

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SGA approves $2,000 for presidential caucus

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

At a recent meeting, the Student Government Association's senate approved a $1,500 proposal by an 8-6 vote to send Earl Gates, the senate chairman, to College Convention 2000.

The proposal follows shortly after SGA President Shawn Hornsby vetoed an African American Caucus proposal for $2,000 to send its members to a national convention.

College Convention 2000, a national convention for college students held in New Hampshire, consists of presidential candidates from the three major parties, lobbyists and speakers from various organizations.

The senate previously alotted money for Hornsby to attend the convention.

Louisiana received four free registration waivers because the state has the most registered delegates so far. The University received one of these waivers.

Hornsby could not receive a refund on his registration, so he gave the fee waiver to Gates.

"The delegate represents the whole university," Gates said.

Upon returning from the convention, Gates said that he will share all that he learned with the University.

"We don't only go and learn. We come back and share what we learned," Gates said. "As far as the average Joe, they'll learn as much as they want to learn."

Gates said that he will probably write a letter to the SGA and The Current Sauce detailing all that he learned from the convention when he returns.

Gates said that the SGA is still accepting questions from students to pose to presidential candidates and others who will be in attendance at the conference.

Gates said that Hornsby vetoed the AAC proposal because the

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News

News Briefs

Court To Revisit Its Miranda Ruling

The Supreme Court set the stage today for determining the fate of the Miranda police warnings, familiar to generations of Americans who have witnessed countless arrests in movies and on television.

The justices agreed to decide whether a federal law overturned - or at least dramatically limited - one of the cour t's most famous decisions, one that since 1966 has required police to warn criminal suspects of their rights before questioning them.

The law says any confession or incriminating statement is admissible in court ``if it is voluntarily given.'' Getting a Miranda warning is one factor in making that determination, the law says. But it adds that ``the presence or absence'' of any factor ``need not be conclusive on the issue of voluntariness.''

To be decided by late June is whether the incriminating statements a Maryland man made to FBI agents should be used as evidence in his bank-robbery trial even though he may not have received a proper Miranda warning.

``You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be used against you in a court of law,'' were the court's words in the Miranda vs. Arizona decision of 33 years ago.

The court, then far more liberal than today, sought to remedy ``inherently coercive'' interrogations by also requiring police to tell suspects they are entitled to a lawyer's help while answering questions and to inform them that a lawyer will be appointed to represent them if they cannot afford one.

American law enforcement authorities initially hated the ruling, but many eventually credited it with improving police efficiency. Opposition never disappeared entirely, however, especially over what should happen when police, intentionally or not, fail to give the warnings.

Such failures now routinely result in a valuable piece of evidence - a confession or some incriminating statement - being lost to prosecutors.

But ruling in the bank robbery case earlier this year, a federal appeals court said a 1968 law enacted by Congress means failure to issue Miranda warnings no longer requires automatic exclusion of evidence in federal prosecutions.

The justices now must decide whether that 1968 law, known as Section 3501, lawfully can be enforced.

Worried that federal agents' errors might lead to truthful confessions being thrown out of court, Congress sought to overturn the Miranda ruling in 1968 by passing a law that said federal courts do not have to dismiss confessions made without Miranda warnings.

But the law lay largely dormant for nearly 30 years, until a surprising federal appeals court ruling last February.

Four injured in school shooting

A seventh-grader walked up to a crowd of youngsters waiting for the morning bell today and allegedly opened fire with a gun, wounding four schoolmates before a science teacher pinned him against a wall.

None of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening. A fifth youngster suffered bumps and bruises.

``He doesn't even know who it was he shot,'' sheriff's Deputy Terry Cragg said. ``There was not a hate thing. I asked him why. He said, `I don't know.'''

The 13-year-old dropped the emptied, 9mm semiautomatic handgun as he was approached by science teacher Ronnie Holuby, who also serves as the safety officer at Fort Gibson Middle School, Superintendent Steve Wilmoth said. Holuby grabbed the boy's arms and pinned him against a brick wall.

The small, slender boy was taken to court for a closed, 15-minute arraignment, walking solemnly between two deputies and keeping his head down.

His name was not released. No details were released on the arraignment or on what charges the boy faces.

Convictions handed down in Valujet crash

An aircraft maintenance company was convicted Monday of improperly packaging the oxygen canisters blamed for the cargo hold fire that caused the 1996 Valujet crash in the Everglades.

Two SabreTech employees were acquitted. The federal case marked the first time that a maintenance company faced criminal charges in connection with an American air disaster.

The plane went down shortly after takeoff from Miami, killing all 110 people on board.

SabreTech was convicted of eight counts of causing the air transportation of hazardous materials and one count of failing to provide training in handling hazardous materials. The company was acquitted of conspiracy.

Former employees Daniel Gonzalez and Eugene Florence were acquitted of conspiracy and charges they lied on repair records.

The case involved 144 oxygen generators removed by SabreTech from other ValuJet planes and delivered to the ill-fated flight without the required safety caps or any markings indicating the canisters were hazardous.

Crash investigators blamed the generators, which resemble shaving cream cans, for starting a 2,200-degree fire that spread to the jet's cabin and melted aluminum seat tracks and plastic tray tables.

Pi Kappa Phi hopes to gain charter soon

Larry Collins
Sauce Reporter

In the past four years the University's Greek system has welcomed two new Greek letter social organizations to campus: Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Nu.

In February 2000, the office of Greek life hopes to add Pi Kappa Phi to the list of chartered fraternal organizations.

Pi Kappa Phi President Wesley Breeden said that he and a group of friends wanted to part of the Greek community, but were looking for the best organization for them.

"None of [the other fraternities] fit our personalities," he said.

He said that he knew that Sigma Nu Fraternity had done the same about two and a half years earlier.

He explained that Todd Boddie asked how to bring a fraternity to campus.

They talked to then-Greek advisor Reatha Cox, and she became an active supporter of the organization.

He explained that his group had 38 national fraternities to pick from but decided on Pi Kappa Phi.

"Without Reatha this project would not have even gotten off the ground," Breeden said.

Breeden said she helped the organization to write letters to all of the national fraternities and gave any advice.

He also noted that Sigma Nu offered to help the group get off of the ground.

Breeden said that Pi Kappa Phi has had a strong influence on this University and the world.

"The more we get into doing things for the school and the more we get involved, we are accepted a little more," he said.

Admission: $3 fee angers some, others unaffected

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"I feel that we shouldn't have fireworks every weekend until Christmas if we really can't afford it," said Pierre. "They shouldn't if have bands if we have to pay. It should be local entertainment."

Pierre spoke of the band Sha Na Na, which is famous for its work on the soundtrack for *Grease*. Polatia said that Sha Na Na had six songs on the soundtrack, holding a spot on the Billboard charts for about a year.

Although Pierre was not impressed with the band, other festival-goers did appreciate a big name act.

"It was worth it," said first-time festivalgoer, freshman Marcus Melancon. "The fireworks were awesome, the lights were awesome..."

Despite the new charge and the weather, Jerry McKinney said that this year's festival seemed to have more people in attendance than usual.

"In my opinion last year's festival was better," said McKinney.

McKinney said that the fireworks being cut short because of the weather was the main reason that his spirits were dampened. Like McKinney, most people seemed to be mostly unaffected by the charge.

Tuition: Fears of some students put to rest

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Savoie said this has declined over the past 15 years and is now 60 percent under the SRA.

Louisiana's university budgets were damaged further five years ago, when the legislature passed a constitutional amendment preventing any state fee from increasing. The attorney general later classified college tuition as a fee, allowing the amendment to cover tuition.

Since then, several specialized universities, such as Louisiana State University Law Center, have approached the legislature for a tuition increase.

Savoie said no four-year, bachelor's university has approached the legislature about a tuition increase.

The plan is ideal for students, Savoie said, because it allows them to gain full benefit of their tuition.

"From a student's standpoint, they have to have an adequate amount of funds to promote an adequate amount of service," Savoie said.

The proposed plan also calls for raising faculty pay to the SRA, which is currently 10-20 percent above average Louisiana professors. However, Savoie explained that this does not include across-the-board raises. Instead, the plan uses a merit evaluation system which provides raises and higher salaries to more qualified professors. The plan also proposes a raise to professional university staff, a raise not given since 1991.

Several Northwestern SGA members attending the conference voiced their concerns at giving a flat raise to professional staff.

"We have the ability to evaluate the faculty, but I want to know if there's any kind of merit system for the professional staff," Senate Chair Earl Gates said. "I want to make sure the people who are awarded the raises deserve them."

Savoie responded that universities will have to devise their own merit system. SGA President Shawn Hornsby said he is currently working on a proposed merit evaluation for Northwestern's professional staff and administration.

Faculty, Staff and Students
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At a Farewell Reception 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday in
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ISEP

Applications for study abroad through the International Student Exchange Program for the 2000 academic year are available in Kyser 225E. If you have questions, please contact Tom Whitehead at 357-5213.

Spanish Club

Meetings at 3 p.m. every Friday in room 333 of Kyser Hall.

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The Society of Professional Journalists will meet Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room

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Scholars' College to sponsor trip to Ancient Rome and Italy

Larry Collins
Sauce Reporter

Students will have the chance of a lifetime to travel to ancient Rome and Italy on June 9-26, 2000, when the University offers a travel/study program through the Louisiana Scholars' College.

Scholars' College professor Richard Jensen said that this is not the first time that this course has been offered through the University. He explained that about 15 students traveled to Italy in 1996 when the course was last offered at Northwestern.

Jensen said that the trip is opened to students of any major that have a general interest in going to Italy.

"I am hoping for a minimum of 10 students...and I hope that a wide variety of students will be interested," he said.

According to the course description, the focus of the tour will be in ancient art, architecture and history. Students will be introduced to techniques of archaeology, as well as learn about ancient pottery and bronze making.

Jensen recommends this trip to students who are interested in anthropology, archeology, Rome history or art.

"We are going to an archaeology camp for three days north of Rome," He said.

Jensen said that the chance to visit Rome and Pompeii are the main draws of the trips.

"I've been to both of them and I find them amazing," he said.

"Rome, in my mind, is the most interesting story in the world... [It] was the great center of the Roman Empire, but it was also the center of world Catholicism, (and) Greek art from the time of Michaelangelo," Jensen said.

The class may be taken for three graduate or undergraduate credits, with three additional credits possible after completion of a research paper.

Along with Jensen, Janina Darling of the University of California, Santa Cruz, will travel to major sites in the Bay of Naples with the class.

The cost of the trip is $3,500, which includes roundtrip airfare from the United States, all housing and food, transportation in Italy and fees for museums and guided tours.

SGA: Questions raised about Senate spending

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proposal did not fall under the responsibilities of the SGA, and the AAC never charged dues or conducted fund-raising activities.

"We can't go into debt to fund other organizations," Gates said.

In past years, the AAC sent 10-12 members to its conference, said Gates. The AAC wanted to send 35 members this year.

"The SGA cannot accept the responsibility of doing that [giving one organization $2,000]," Gates said. "It is not beneficial for the whole student body."

There are about 50 organizations on campus, said Gates.

"We have organizational grants to help campus organizations," Gates said.

Andrew Davies, a senator-at-large, voted against the proposal to send Gates to the convention.

"I don't think that we should spend $2,000 for someone to go to New Hampshire, when he [Hornsby] vetoed the AAC proposal," Davies said.

Davies said that he thought the cost of the trip was too much.

"Justin [Courtney], our treasurer, said that we have extra money and said that we should spend it," Davies said.

"I think that we should be more concerned about bettering the University than the whims of the senate," Davies said.

Townsend: Representative shares plans for future

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Currently, a student caught with a pocketknife will be suspended for one year, Townsend said.

Rather than sending these students to jail, Townsend will send these students to alternative schools.

"It would be a more military style of environment," Townsend said.

The current alternative school system contains problems, Townsend said.

"In Louisiana, we don't have a fully funded alternative school system that can handle infractions, whether minor or major," Townsend said.

In St. Louis, Mo., a school required that parents attend school with their children for one hour each week, said Townsend. This school now has some of the highest test scores in the country.

Townsend said that he will also involve parents in education in some way.

Although Townsend sees many things wrong with our educational system, he pointed out,

"We don't have to reinvent the wheel."

Northwestern State University
Final Exam Schedule - Fall 1999 Semester

Final Day of Classes - Wednesday, December 8, 1999
Final Examinations - Thursday - Wednesday, December 9 - 15, 1999
Grades Due for Candidates - Friday, Decmber 16, 1999 (noon)

Graduating Seniors Exams
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Thursday, December 9, 1999	
8:00 - 10:30	ENGL 0910, 0920, 1010, 1020 ENGL 3210, SCTT 1810-20, 2810-20 SCTT 3810, 4810-20
11:00 - 1:30	8:00 MWF and MW classes
2:00 - 4:30	9:30 TR classes
5:30 - 8:00	2:00 TR classes
Friday, December 10, 1999	
8:00 - 10:30	12:00 MWF and MW classes
11:00 - 1:30	MATH 0910, 0920, 1020, 1060
2:00 - 4:30	11:00 MWF and MW classes
5:30 - 8:00	3:30 TR classes
Saturday, December 11, 1999	
Saturday classes (arrange with instructors)	
Monday, December 13, 1999	
8:00 - 10:30	12:30 TR classes
11:00 - 1:30	9:00 MWF and MW classes
2:00 - 4:30	CHEM 1030, 1040, 1070, 1080
5:30 - 8:00	11:00 TR classes
Tuesday, December 14, 1999	
8:00 - 10:30	8:00 TR classes
11:00 - 1:30	2:00 MWF and MW classes
2:00 - 4:30	10:00 MWF and MW classes
5:30 - 8:00	4:00 MWF and MW classes
Wednesday, December 15, 1999	
8:00 - 10:30	1:00 MWF and MW classes
11:00 - 1:30	3:00 MWF classes

Examinations for classes that meet for three hours one time a week Monday - Friday will be given at the last regular class meeting.

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The 99-00 Argus art and literature contest is now open. You can find a submission form in this issue of the Sauce. Submissions should be put in mail box on the Argus office door in the second floor lobby of Boozman Dorm (across from Russell Hall). Unless you submit your work on a disk (Word 97 or higher), you will need to subject 5 copies of each submission. Disks will be returned after the third week of next semester. A completed submission form must accompany each submission, including those that are submitted on disk. You may submit works in any or all of the submitted categories. Prizes will be awarded for first place ($100), second ($75) and third place ($50) in fiction, non-fiction, art, poetry and playwriting. First and second place prizes will also be awarded for cover art. Playwriting submissions should be limited to one act, five minute pieces. Cover art should have a peacock, peakcock feathers or an eye or eyes prominently in the work. Natchitoches residents and NSU faculty and staff may also submit their works for publication. However, there will be no monetary award for those submissions. Submissions will be judged by NSU faculty members. There should be no identification on the works themselves, this is to keep the judging process fair. Winning publications may be showcased at the first annual literature festival toward the end of next semester. At the festival, contestants will have a chance to present, read and explain their works to people attending the event. We are open to any ideas on how to make Argus better for you. Any questions or comments should be addressed to Argus_magazine@hotmail.com. Faculty members that would be interested in judging submissions should contact us at the same address.

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University van to help disabled students

Amy Haney
Sauce Reporter

A University van will be remodeled to serve students with disabilities and meet Americans with Disabilities Association regulations.

University Chief of Police Ricky Williams said the van will be equipped with a wheelchair lift and a higher domed roof.

Coordinator of Disabilities Steve Hicks, who initiated the van proposal, said that the van will accommodate mobility-impaired students on University sponsored road trips and on-campus shuttling.

"The University is responsible; if we provide campus-related transportation... we have to provide equal opportunity for students with mobility impairments," Hicks said.

Heather Patton, a mobility impaired student who uses an electric scooter for transportation, said the University is in need of an ADA compliant vehicle for campus transportation.

"My scooter's broken down before, or it's been raining, and my roommate has helped me to class," Patton said. "If she hadn't, I would have been in trouble."

Those times Patton has used the on-campus vans, someone has had to lift her into the van because there was no wheelchair lift, she said.

"The van should be available next semester," Williams said.

Though three conversion bids of about $4,500 each were offered, the University had to request new bids that factor in the cost of adding headroom, Williams said. He estimated that the new cost would be around $2,000 more than the original bids.

"We have to find someone to do the required headroom so that the complete job will be ADA compliant," Williams said.

FEATURES

My Side

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

Twas the night of the deadline, and all through the suite,
The staff of the Sauce was thinking of what to eat.

The words were put in computers with care,
With hopes that Tommy would soon be there.

While the staff could think of nothing but going to bed,
Kris had vision of pepperoni pizzas dancing in his head.

And Hornsby with his whip and Josh with his game
had just settled a fight over the Rock being lame.

When out of the blue, there arose such a clatter
I called out for Earl to see what was the matter.

When what with my wandering eyes should I see?
A round figure in a Spider Man outfit otherwise known as Tommy.

He was kicking and screaming and causing a fuss.
Another Current Sauce crisis - it made him want to cuss.

Get Gelpi! Get Raechal!
Find Larry! One and all!
Help straighten this mess before we are all mauled!.

All Sauce reporters big, all processors small
Correct this mess! Correct this mess! Correct it all!

All problems caused by erasers in this place,
All "s"'s, all screan beans, all white space.

As I drew in my breath and pitched a big fit,
Tommy lashed out with violence and spit.

He had a bright red face and slung on his back
was a sackful of zip disks he was trying to hack.

His belly - how it shook!
His eyes so droopy!
As the end approached, we were all feeling poopy.

Shawn had a temper and a great, big frown
Because Josh was too busy acting like a clown.

He was running around with a weird grin
sitting on a chair going 'round in a spin.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
soon gave me a feeling of approaching dread.

Shawn spoke not a word, but went straight for Josh's throat
he twisted and punched until Josh cried like a goat. (Not Earl)

With a twitch of an eye and a raised fist to the sky
all of us soon learned of Papa Hornsby's wish that we die.

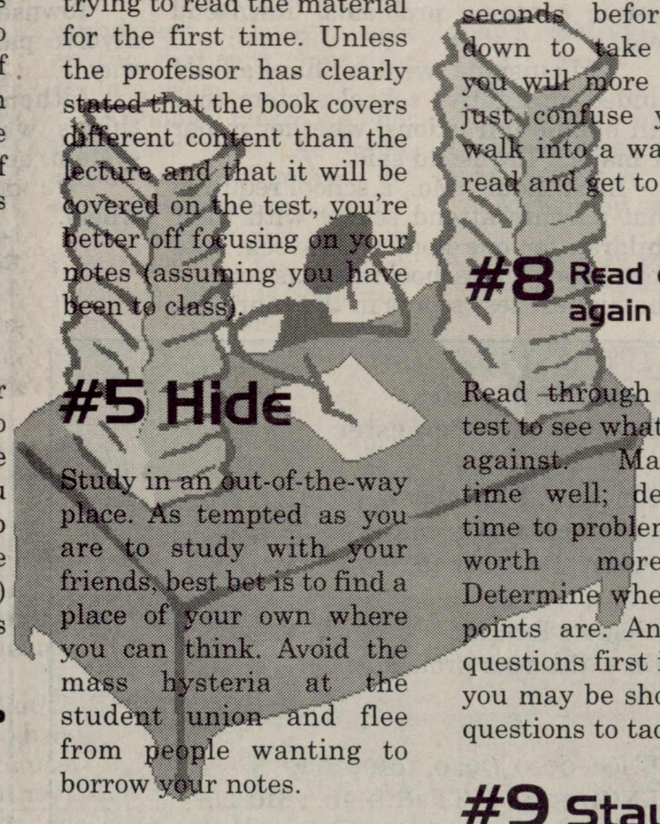
He stormed from the suite with a curse and a finger
while we all sat around saying, "Boy that was a dinger."

Then we heard him exclaim, "Beware cheerleaders, Beware Baptist girls,"
"I'm returning next semester - it's going to be a whirl."

As usual, I wrote this opinion. Please address any comments to me.

Finals Week

12 Rules for Surviving Finals Week



#1 Start Early

Preparation for finals begins even BEFORE the actual week of final exams. You cannot cram an entire quarter or semester's worth of information into one or two nights of studying. Get started on Monday the week before final exams. Think of finals week as finals weeks.

#2 Sleep

You need at least four hours of sleep a night to function. College finals are designed to make you think. If you are sleep deprived, you won't be able to comprehend (or answer) the challenging questions you will face.

#3 Comprehensive? Non? What type of final?

A non-comprehensive final will cover all the information given/discussed after the last mid-term exam. There are also comprehensive finals. Comprehensive finals cover all of the information covered from day one of the class. Determining which type of final you will be taking could make a huge difference in the time you'll need to commit to studying for a particular final.

#4 Focus on your notes

If you are 23 chapters behind in your reading for a class, don't spend the night before the final trying to read the material for the first time. Unless the professor has clearly stated that the book covers different content than the lecture and that it will be covered on the test, you're better off focusing on your notes (assuming you have been to class).

#5 Hide

Study in an out-of-the-way place. As tempted as you are to study with your friends, best bet is to find a place of your own where you can think. Avoid the mass hysteria at the student union and flee from people wanting to borrow your notes.

#6 Stay away from old tests

Study in an out-of-the-way place. As tempted as you are to study with your friends, best bet is to find a place of your own where you can think. Avoid the mass hysteria at the student union and flee from people wanting to borrow your notes.

#7 No cramming

Use this time before the test to relax, catch your breath, and take a minute to get focused. By cramming until the last 30 seconds before you sit down to take the exam, you will more than likely just confuse yourself or walk into a wall trying to read and get to your desk.

#8 Read directions- again and again

Read through the entire test to see what you are up against. Manage your time well; devote more time to problems that are worth more points. Determine where the easy points are. Answer those questions first if you think you may be short on time. questions to tackle.

#9 Stay Calm

If at first glance, the test is overwhelming, remember to breathe! Do not panic. If you don't know the answer to a question, move on to the next question and come back later. Remind yourself that you are well prepared, and take the exam one question at a time. You will gain momentum by answering the easy questions first -- and you will do better by keeping your head in the game.

#10 Ask questions- lots of them.

If you do, you may find that you gain a great deal of clarity about what the professor is truly getting at with the question. You might even get a feel for the answer the professor is looking for if you listen closely.

#11 Don't Leave. Check your answers.

Reread the questions and your answers to them. Make sure you understand what the question is really asking and that you have answered the question completely and accurately.

#12 STAY CALM! Even after the test.

Even if you think you did horribly, worrying about it afterwards will not change a thing; it may however, effect how you do on your other finals. Keep your head up and move on to the next exam. Odds are that if you were well prepared for this exam and you did poorly that others also did poorly. If your received a 48% and the professor decided to curve the final, your score could still be a passing grade.

SOURCE:
www.makingcollegecount.com

Tips from the Pros

Learning and Controlling the Causes of Distraction

Think of concentration improvement as a three-step process:

1) Learn the causes of poor concentration and decide which apply to you;

2) Understand what you can do to control these factors

3) Make your control habitual.

There are External Causes that can affect studying.

Environmental distractions: TV, chairs that are too comfortable, snacks, other people, etc. Leave or re-arrange a distracting environment. Go to a library or a classroom when you seriously intend to study.

Noise: Music with words, conversations. Train yourself to study away from others and in silence.

There are also Internal Causes that impair studying.

Physical distractions: hunger, drowsiness.

Plan to study when you are most alert. Eat a high-protein snack. Do five minutes of light exercise to wake up.

Boredom, dislike, disinterest in subject: Find a reason which satisfies you for taking the class; talk with other students and the professor.

Anxiety about studies: Make sure you know how to study effectively. Put the course in perspective.

Intimidating study tasks: Break up large tasks into achievable subtasks. Do the most intimidating task first. Give yourself rewards for progress and punishments for avoidance.

Daydreaming: Separate daydreams from studying. When your mind starts to wander, write down the interrupting thought and continue studying. Or recall important points and then turn away from your book and continue to daydream. When you're ready to read again, do so. The trick is not to daydream and read at the same time.

Personal worries: Identify and define the problem and develop a concrete, specific plan to resolve personal worries. Talk with someone who can help: a friend, a counselor, a specialist.

Familiarize yourself

Preparing for Tests

with the test. Ask the professor how long it will be and what kind of questions will be on it. Ask your instructor which concepts are most important, which chapters to focus on, and what you will have to do on the test. Also ask for some sample test questions, and whether there is a copy of a similar test on file in a library. Look over the tests you have already taken in the course to predict what you will need to prepare for. Your aim is to determine both the content of the questions and the type of memory and intellectual skills you will be asked to use. Examples of these skills:

Remembering specific facts, details, terms and definitions.

Comparing, contrasting, and otherwise interpreting meaning in the information studies.

Applying principles and theories to solve problems (that may not have been covered explicitly in the course.)

Predicting possible outcomes given a set of variables.

Evaluating the usefulness of certain ideas, concepts, or methods for a given situation.

Overview all the work to be done and schedule time to do it. On the basis of your familiarity with the test, make a list of all the tasks you must complete to prepare for it. Assign priorities to your study tasks according to the topics you expect to be most important on the test. In scheduling your test preparation , try to stick to your own routines.

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN'S LEARNING SKILLS PROGRAM

Re-inventing the Wheel

ERICCA REYNOLDS
SAUCE REPORTER

Tommy Whitehead of the department of journalism came to the University thirty years ago from Zachary, La. Whitehead completed his undergraduate studies at NSU and received his master's degree from Boston University, while teaching high school for one year in Clinton, La.

Earlier this semester, Whitehead was awarded a gold medallion for thirty years of service at Northwestern.

Whitehead was very pleased to be honored with the medallion.

"I was even more pleased when I saw my name engraved on the back," Whitehead continued. "I haven't figured out where to wear it. Do I come to school and teach with it?"

During his thirty years at the University, Whitehead acquired a list of accomplishments: Director of the University's International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), Chair of the Institutional Effectiveness Committee, a member of the Louisiana Film and Video Commission, office facilitator for the filming of Steel Magnolias and advisor to the student media.

Whitehead has made his presence known to all student media, *The Current Sauce, The Potpourri* and KNWD, who affectionately call him "Uncle Tommy".

The Current Sauce staff often discusses Whitehead's quirky sayings and general behavior when they layout the paper Monday nights.

"I remember when I first met Tommy," Shawn Hornsby, editor-in-chief, said. "I was on the board of organizations and he was KA advisor. I got to know the a__hole side of Tommy then."

Managing Editor Josh Beavers agrees that Tommy has his quirky sides, but has made a positive change in the students of student media.

"I've learned how to deal with interfering people from

File Photo

Whitehead as student media adviser in 1987. Whitehead has acted as adviser on and off for about 15 years.

Tommy," Beavers said. ""I know that Tommy is like he is just because he is trying to make sure things get done."

Most staff members have certain occasions that stick in their minds as being the most memorable times of their "Tommy experience."

"I remember during this semester's KNWD group picture when Tommy stripped off his t-shirt and donned his 'Mardi Gras' outfit," ad salesman, Earl Gates said laughing. "That was an image I'll never forget."

The staff also agrees that compliments from Whitehead are extremely meaningful because of their rarity.

"I always take pride in his sincere compliments," Hornsby said. "Tommy doesn't hand out compliments often and you have to earn them when he does."

Most students consider Whitehead intimidating and introverted upon first meeting him, the staff said.

"I was scared to death of him in Mass Comm," features editor Melissa Robertson said. "Now, I laugh that I ever felt like that. He's just Uncle Tommy with his weird ways."

File Photo

Whitehead and mathematics department head Stanley Chadick received an award for thirty years of service at Northwestern. University president Randy Webb and director of institutional advancement Tony Gustwick presented the two faculty members with a gold medallion

During his last year as student media advisor, Whitehead assisted the media with purchasing new layout equipment, including a new Macintosh computer with a specially-sized monitor for laying out newspapers and yearbooks.

Whitehead feels he has made positive impressions on certain students who have gone and achieved degrees of success.

"I feel that I've played a small part in that taking place," said Whitehead.

When talking about the many changes that have occurred in the last thirty years, Whitehead said the biggest change has been in the student body.

"When I first came here, there was a degree of ruralness to this campus," Whitehead continued. "That's not true anymore. The students are much more worldly and much more knowing about what's going on around them and much more involved."

After thirty years at the University, the 1999 fall semester was Whitehead's last semester. Whitehead said he would miss the students the most.

"It's hard to believe at times, but I really am going to miss the students," said Whitehead.

Whitehead enjoys seeing the change of the students from semester to semester because it keeps him on his toes.

"If it was the same old thing all of the time, it would get really boring," said Whitehead. "This way there is always something new."

File Photo

Whitehead celebrates a Hell's Angel party with the Kappa Alpha fraternity in 1987. Whitehead continues to serve as Kappa Alpha fraternity's adviser.

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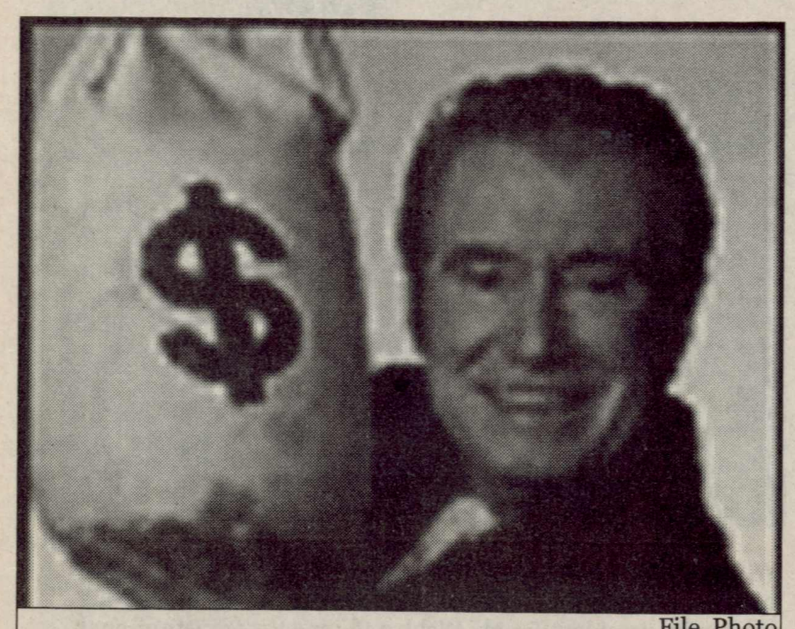
TV networks name winners, losers of season



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Regis Philbin hosts the ABC game show "Who Wants to be a Milliomaire?," the biggest ratings hit of the fall T.V. season. ABC came in third place in overall viewers for the first half of the season, thanks to shows like "Millionaire" and "The Practice."

Raechal Leone
A&E Editor

Call it the end of the fall semester for the networks, because T.V. will soon be getting a new, revised schedule of shows for the spring. By this time, most shows have either established themselves as a ratings champ or a ratings dud, and the networks are not being at all hesitant about pulling the plug on the latter group.

Fortunately, most of the shows that have demonstrated hit potential or received rave reviews from critics are being saved; Unfortunately, some shows that everyone wishes would go away will stay on the schedule.

Although NBC still holds the top spot with viewers after the first half of the season, it's comedies are not so must-see anymore. The network's *The Mike O'Malley Show* failed miserably and was canceled in it's second week, *Suddenly Susan* has mercifully fallen off the schedule and the rookie *Stark Raving Mad* got less then rave reviews. Making matters worse, *Veronica's Closet* and *Jesse* have also remained in the ratings basement.

On the bright side, *Friends* is still as popular and well written as ever, and the net's new dramas *The West Wing* and *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit* are doing moderately well. Also, the critically acclaimed *Freaks and Geeks* will make a move from Saturdays to Mondays in January, which should help the show reach it's target audience- teenagers. Of course, had NBC not slated the show for a night there is no way in the world a teenager would be home to watch it, it may have already been a ratings winner.

Over at CBS, they focused less on sitcoms and more on attracting older, female viewers with family dramas like *Judging Amy* and *Family Law*. Lucky for them, the gimmick worked and the network was able to hold on to it's spot as the second most-watched net.

The male-friendly drama *Now and Again* may have had something to do with CBS' high ratings as it consistently ties with *Dateline NBC* for it's time slot, however, *60 Minutes II* helped the network little and has proven to be less successful than it's predecessor.

On the sitcom side, *Love or Money* has been put on hiatus, but will be back next month, and *Work with Me* has worked it's way out of the schedule entirely- for good.

CBS hopes that the new Steven Bocho hospital drama *City of Angels* will be enough to help them move up the ratings ladder to the coveted No. 1 spot they always seem to narrowly miss.

The third place spot has been claimed by ABC, due largely to the phenomenal success of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?*. Other shows contributing to ABC's high numbers are *Dharma and Greg* and *The Practice*, not to mention newcomer *Once and Again*, which ousted Bocho's longtime hit *NYPD Blue* from its cozy 9 p.m. Tuesday spot.

David Kelly's new drama Snoops has already been canned, as has Kevin Williamson's freshman soap opera *Wasteland*.

The newest addition to the TGIF lineup, *Odd Man Out* is just that, and the critically praised *Sports Night* may be there soon if the show's less than stellar numbers don't change.

Fox has had one of the bleakest fall seasons of it's existence, in which none of it's new shows managed to pull in high numbers. *Action* (which was cancelled this week), *Get Real*, *Time of Your Life* and *Ally* performed much worse than expected, and *Harsh Realm* and *Ryan Caufield: Year One* (Has anyone heard of these?) didn't perform at all.

Even *Beverly Hills, 90210*, *Party of Five* and *The X-Files* have begun to see a dip in viewers. If it weren't for *Ally McBeal* and *That 70's Show*, which have steadily increased in viewers, the network would be without a hit.

Young networks the WB and UPN rank fifth and sixth with viewers, respectively, but have continued to have problems building a steady schedule of shows.

The WB's animated *Mission Hill* and new romantic drama *Jack & Jill* have been critical and ratings disappointments, and *Felicity* lost more than her long hair when the show moved to Sundays.

Surprisingly, the alien teen drama *Roswell* and the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* spin-off *Angel* are faring quite well thanks to strong lead-ins and teen stars.

Of course, *Dawson's Creek* and *7th Heaven* continue to pull in the network's highest ratings. In fact, *7th Heaven* is predicted to be the WB's first show ever to finish the T.V. season in the top 100 shows.

In last place after the fall sweeps is UPN, who can owe their ratings bolster (Yes, their numbers are higher and they are still in last place.) to *WWF Smackdown!*, which has no trouble locking in male viewers every week.

AMA nominees announced

Continuing the trend of awards shows pitting young, mainstream musicians against seasoned veterans, the list of American Music Awards nominees includes the likes of Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys alongside Santana and Whitney Houston. (Was Britney even born when Whitney first came on the scene?)

Nevertheless, the chances of the newest generation of musical acts walking away from the AMA's with a trophy look pretty good, considering that the winners are determined by a national poll of 20,000 average people. (Nominees were determined by record sales and radio airplay.)

Also on the side of the young Ms. Spears and co. is the fact that the AMA's have traditionally honored mainstream artists, and nothing was more mainstream this year than the teeny bopper pop. Another once rare element that has gone mainstream is Latin pop.

This year's list of nominees in the Latin category include acts that released their first pop hit this year- Enriqué Iglesias, Jennifer Lopez and Ricky Martin.

Over in the country category, the relative newcomers the Dixie Chicks will battle George Strait and the country version of Garth Brooks (in other words, we will hopefully not be seeing Chris Gaines on the night of the ceremony.)

Surprisingly, Lauryn Hill's The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill is up for soul/ rhythym and blues album of the year, although I could've sworn Hill swept that category with the same album last year.

AMA winners will be announced January 17 at Los Angeles' Shrine Auditorium. ABC will broadcast the show and Norm Macdonald and Carmen Electra will emcee.

The nominees are:

Pop/Rock

Male artitst: Lenny Kravitz, Ricky Martin, Will Smith

Female artist: Whitney Houston, Britney Spears, Shania Twain

Band, Duo or Group: Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync, Santana

Album: Millennium, Backstreet Boys; Baby One More Time, Britney Spears; Supernatural, Santana

Country

Male artitst: Garth Brooks, Tim McGraw, George Strait

Female artist: Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Shania Twain

Band, Duo or Group: Brooks & Dunn, Diamond Rio, Dixie Chicks

Album: Double Live, Garth Brooks; Fly, Dixie Chicks; Always Never the Same, George Strait

New Artist: Sara Evans, Montgomery Gentry, SheDaisy

Adult Contemporary

Artist: Cher, Phil Collins, Shania Twain

Latin Music

Artist: Enrique Iglesias, Jennifer Lopez, Ricky Martin

Rap/ Hip Hop

Artist: DMX, Jay-Z, Juvenile

Alternative Music

Artist: Kid Rock, Limp Bizkit, Red Hot Chili Peppers

New Artist: Kid Rock, Jennifer Lopez, Britney Spears

Soul/ Rhythym and Blues

Male artitst: Busta Rhymes, Ginuwine, R. Kelly

Female artist: Brandy, Lauryn Hill, Whitney Houston

Band, Duo or Group: Dru Hill, K-Ci & JoJo, TLC

Album: The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill, Lauryn Hill; My Love Is Your Love, Whitney Houston; FanMail, TLC

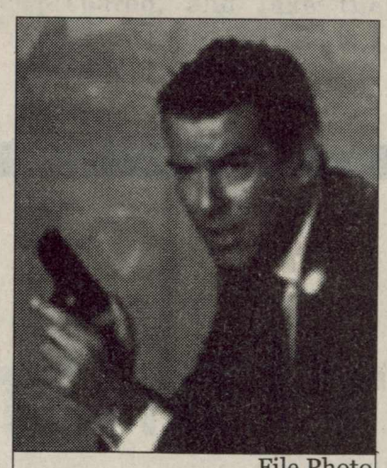
New Artist: Eve, 702, Tyrese

The NSU Chamber Choir will present "Lessons and Carrols" at Immaculate Conception Church in Natchitoches on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. The same program will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Natchitoches on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The program is Free For all NSU students with a current ID.

Latest Bond film No. 2 at box office second week in a row

Toy Story 2 rules the box office for the second weekend in a row, bringing the film's total to over $100 million after only 10 days in release. The Disney-Pixar animated venture brought in $28.3 million over this weekend alone.

Studio executives at Disney are predicting that the sequel will soon surpass Disney's most successful film ever, *The Lion King*, in terms of total domestic gross.



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Pierce Brosnan stars as Agent 007 in the 19th installment of the James Bond series, The World Is Not Enough. The film placed second at the weekend box office.

The 19th James Bond installment, *The World Is Not Enough*, remained in the No. 2 spot for the second weekend in a row, bringing in just over $10 million dollars. The movie's total gross now stands at $90 million, which makes it the second highest grossest Bond feature of all time.

The highest grossing Bond award goes to *Tomorrow Never Dies*, which also has Pierce Brosnan starring in the title role. *The World Is Not Enough* marks Brosnan's third time to play Bond.

Arnold Schwarzenegger's *End of Days* placed third, just as it did last week, and took in $9.7 million. Apparently, moviegoers wanted to form their own opinion about the movie, which has been repeatedly bashed by critics.

Christina Ricci and Johnny Depp star in *Sleepy Hollow*, the No. 4 movie at the box office for the second weekend in a row. Director Tim Burton's gothic retelling of Washington Irving's folk tale earned right at $9 million, barely losing third place to End of Days.

The Bone Collector, starring Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie, came in fifth place, grossing $3.1 million over the weekend and approximately $60 million to date.

The Pokémon phenomenon seems to have died down a little, with the movie bringing in just $2.2 million over the weekend. The total gross of *Pokémon: The First Movie* now stands at $80 million.

Of course, that total does not include the incredible amount of money the Pokemon franchise has raked in from fast food and merchandise tie-ins.

The religious comedy *Dogma*, starring Ben Affleck and Selma Hayek, among others, raked in approximately $2 million over the weekend.

The Isider came in ninth place with $1.4 million, narrowly besting *Being John Malkovich*, which earned $1.39 million.

The Susan Sarandon mother-daughter drama *Anywhere But Here* held onto a spot in the top ten with a weekend total of $1.3 million. The movie centers around Sarandon's character and the irresponsible way she treats her daughter, Portman's character.

Coincidentally, Portman's last film, *The Phantom Menace* was back in selected theaters this week as part of a charity project. The movie quickly added almost $2 million to the film's already hefty total gross.

Tinseltown Briefs

The life of former *Beverly Hills, 90210* star Jason Priestley has been in apparent turmoil recently, due to the end of his marriage and now an arrest for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

The arrest occurred at about 12:30 a.m. Friday after Priestley crashed his Porsche into a utility pole and a car that was parked on a Hollywood street. Although the passenger, 27-year-old Chad Cook, broke an arm, Priestley was reportedly uninjured.

According to a Los Angeles police spokesman, Priestley was suspected of drunk driving "after officers observed objective symptoms of alcohol intoxication." He was taken to the LAPD's Hollywood Division jail and later released on $50,000 bail.

Priestley, 30, later told KCBS-TV in Los Angeles that he was blood tested for alcohol, but attributed that to his celebrity status, not his behavior. "They do that to everybody, especially if you're a celebrity in this town," he remarked.

"The car's bad, and my buddy hurt himself," Priestley said. "That's why they brought me down here."

According to People Magazine, Priestley and wife Ashlee Peterson's separation was announced Thursday, after only nine months of marriage.

The couple dated for 18-months before their February wedding, and a reason for their separation has not been stated publicly.

Priestley left *90210* earlier this season to go behind the camera and direct. One of his first efforts, a documentary on the Canadian band the Barenaked Ladies, premiered at the Toronto Film Festival in September.

Sylvester Stallone filed countersuit Thursday against two former servant who are suing he and his wife, Jennifer Flavin, for $1.5 million dollars.

The Stallone's are suing Maria Vivanco and Cristian Sandoval, who worked for them in their Miami home for six days in 1995, for $1 million in damages for invasion of privacy and slander.

The former workers claim that they were fired for no reason after they had followed an unusual set of rules that included not looking at Stalloe directly in the eyes, not speaking to his mother and backing out of a room when he entered.

Besides the two servants, Stallone and his wife seek damages from *Headline News LA.*, the news service that published Vivanco and Sandoval's story, and one of their employees, Peter Bond.

The lawsuit states that the story, which aired on *Headline L.A.* and was later printed in tabloids, is totally false and makes defamatory statements about them.

Flavin told *Entertainment Tonight* that she and her husband were shocked at the story and the lawsuit.

A spokesman of the couple said that any money they win will be donated to charity.

Jennifer Lopez taken out a $1 billion insurance policy, according to several reports.

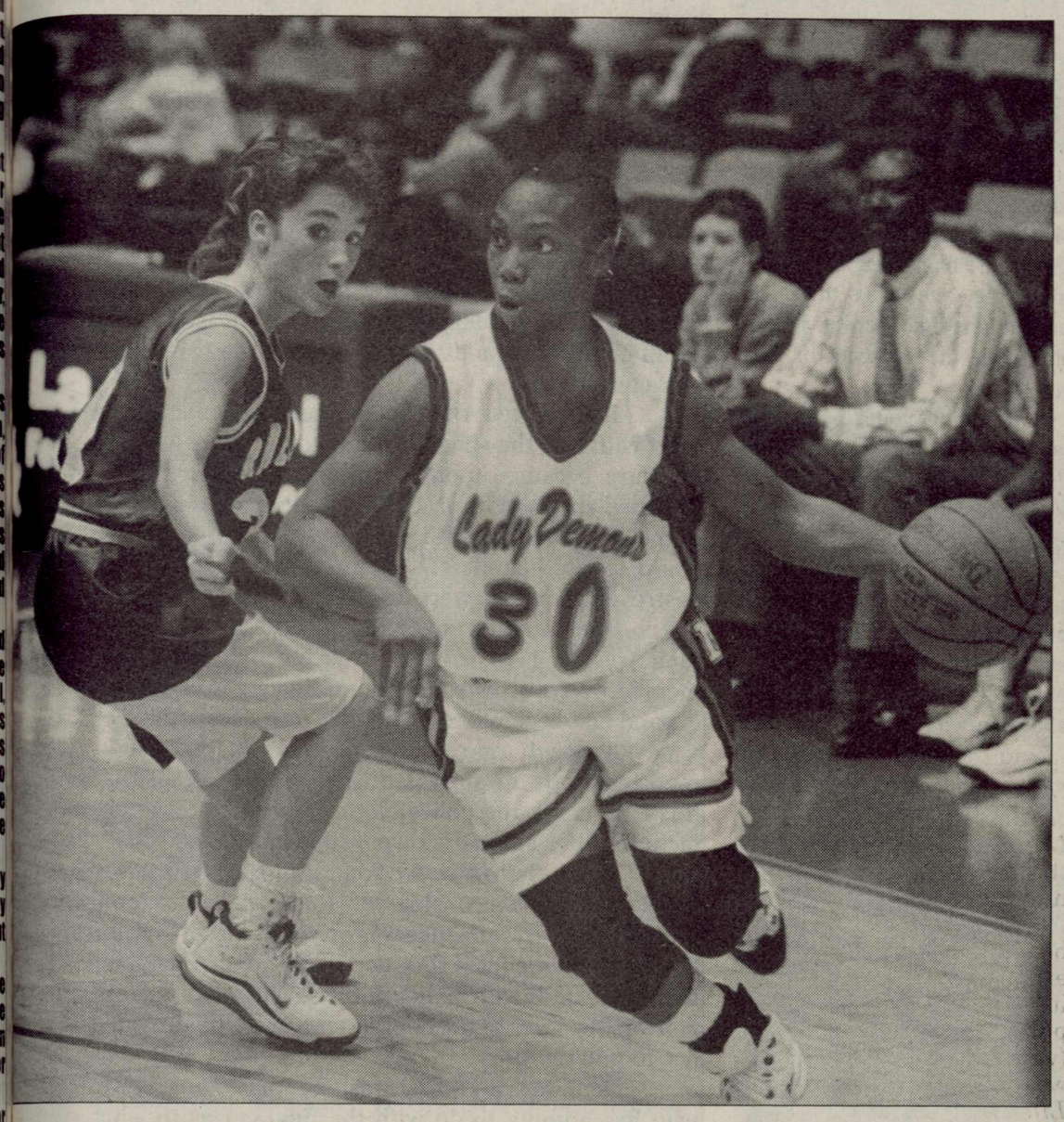
The value of the policy breaks down to being approximately $8.25 million per pound, according to Elonline.

Spokesmen for the model/actress/singer have refused to either confirm or deny the reports.

Lopez joins the ranks of stars such as Betty grable, Marlene Dietrich and Marilyn Monroe who have taken out similar policies to insure their bodies.

Lady Demons smoke Southern Ark. 94-65

Six Lady Demons finish with double digit figures; Demons post 4-1 on season



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Kia Converse leads the Lady Demons on the floor Friday scoring 23 points.

Jay Lyles
Sauce Reporter

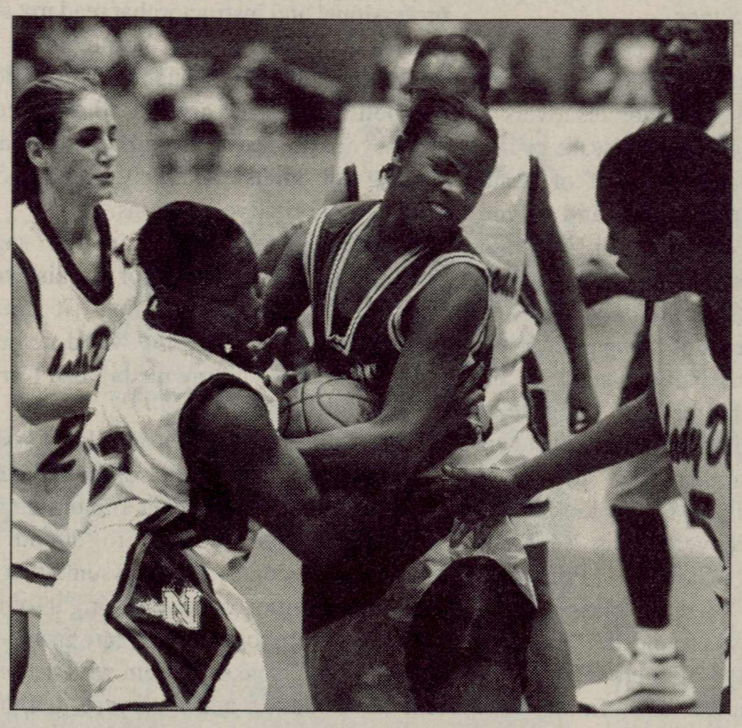
"It was just a strong shooting performance," said Lady Demon Basketball Coach James Smith about the 94-65 thrashing handed to the Southern Arkansas Riderettes (1-6) by NSU (4-1) last Friday.

That statement sums up the game. Six Lady Demons finished with double digit scoring. Senior guard Kia Converse led the team with 23 points, followed closely by senior guard Judy Clark who nailed 15 points. Converse made 21 of her points on seven shots from three-point territory. Clark nailed all of her points from behind the three-point line.

Another senior guard, Jennifer Graf, put away 14 points, while senior forward Louise Chase and sophomore center Emily Huey were busy scoring 11 points apiece.

On a final personal scoring note, freshman guard Kiki Junior buried 10 points, came up with five assists and grabbed four steals.

As a team, the Lady Demons had an excellent night. They broke the Southland Conference record for most three-point field goals in a game as they knocked down 14 for a total of 42 points. They also had an amazing 22 steals which led to 34 turnovers by the Riderettes.



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The Lady Demons' defense keeps Riderettes in check the entire night.

Even though NSU did a great job containing SAU, they were not able to shut them down altogether. The Riderettes had a very nice outing with Meah Biley who led them with 15 respectable points. Another team member, Paula Daniels, had a game-high as she grabbed 10 rebounds.

For the Lady Demons, this was the fourth win in a row. Since the game opener was dropped to Southwest Missouri State, Northwestern has gone undefeated. The Lady Demons will take a week to rest before travelling to the Gold Dome at Centenary to take on the Centenary Ladies in what is expected to be an overwhelming NSU victory.

Seven Lady Demons receive All-Southland soccer honors

Kaleb Breaux
Sauce Reporter

Seven Northwestern soccer players were recognized with All-Southland Conference honors.

These honors were determined and voted on by coaches of the Southland Conference.

Senior Janet Callahan, sophomore Brittany Cargill and junior Holly Horn were named to the All-Southland Conference first team.

Senior Kelly Knapschaefer and sophomore Missy Payne were named to the second team.

Two more Lady Demons were named as honorable mentions, giving NSU a total of seven on the All-Southland Conference team. The two Lady Demons are freshman Tori Carlino and junior Kerri Kahanek.

Janet Callahan finished her final season at Northwestern by accumulating four goals and one assist. Callahan played in all 19 games this season and started in 16. Callahan was also named to the All-Louisiana team.

Brittany Cargill, who was the conference's third leading scorer, lead the Lady Demons in points with 18. Cargill scored six goals and had six assists to end the season. Cargill also played in all 19 games this season.

"A threat," are the words that Coach Mitchell uses to describe Cargill. Her athleticism, especially her strength and quickness, was a contribution to the team this season, said Coach Mitchell about the All-Conference star.

Holly Horn, Northwestern's third first-team All-Conference player, was tied for fifth in the league in points with 11. Horn scored five goals in 1999 and also had an assist. Horn started in 18 of the 19 games she played in the 1999 season.

"Work ethic" is a phrase that can describe Horn and the season she had.

"I thought that there was no one who could out work her [Horn] this season," Mitchell said.

Kelly Knapschaefer and Missy Payne ended their seasons with three and six points respectively. Payne also led the conference in assists with six.

"We were really excited about Missy Payne getting All-Conference," Coach Mitchell said.

Coach Mitchell said that he was very impressed with the "different roles she played" this season.

Kerri Kahanek and Tori Carlino round off the list of All-Conference players. Both Kahanek and Carlino scored game-winning shots during conference play this season.

"It was good to see two of our seniors [Callahan and Knapschaefer] got All-Conference," says Coach Jimmy Mitchell. "They both had good years."

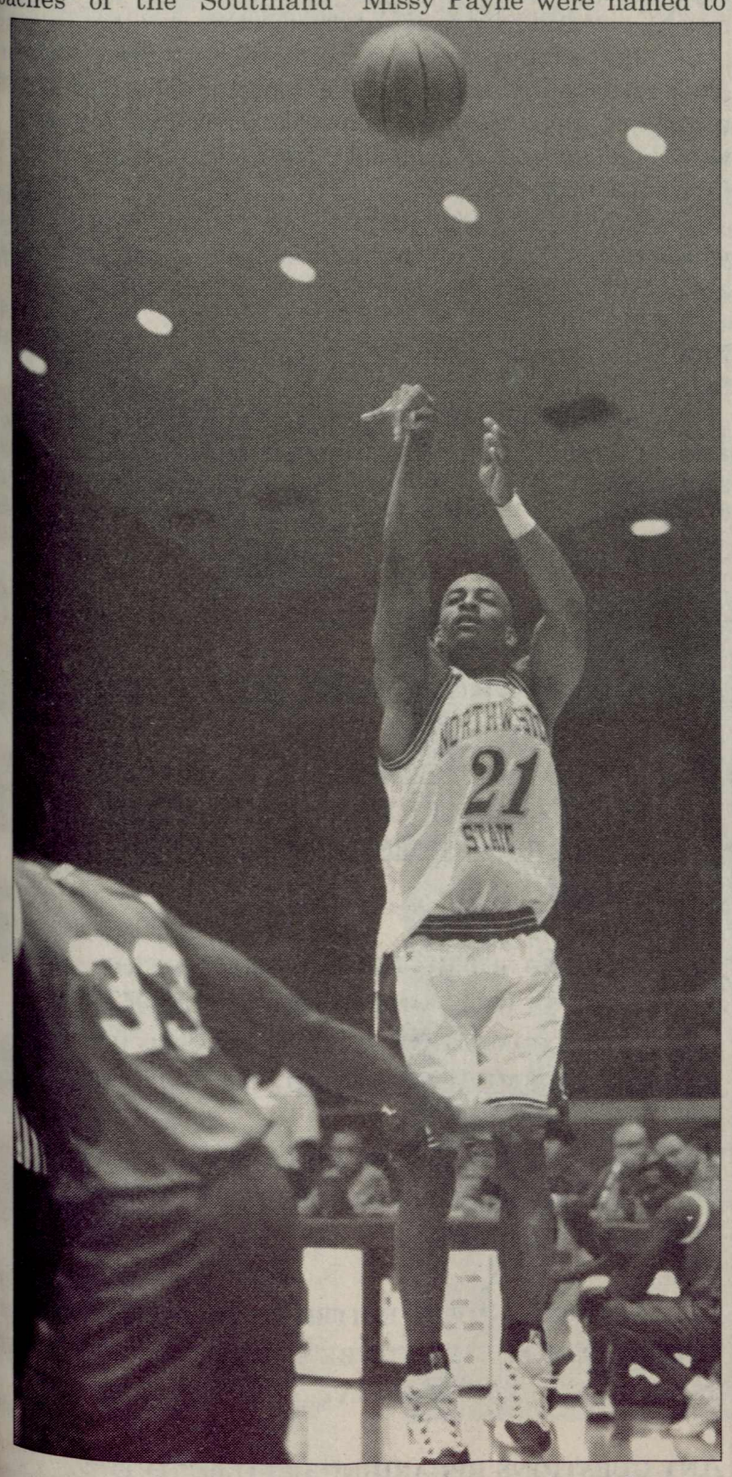
Coach Mitchell went on to say that they deserve the recognition because of the commitment that Callahan and Knapschaefer put into the team this year.

Coach Mitchell says that having seven players on the All-Conference team says something about the talent at Northwestern.

The three Lady Demons that were named to the All-Conference first team, Callahan, Cargill, and Horn, were also named to the All-Louisiana. This is a great accomplishment for Northwestern State soccer.

"We have the talent [to do something big]," Coach Mitchell said. "We were just under achieved."

The Lady Demons soccer team is looking forward to the year 2000 season. With a new recruiting class and some new faces, the Lady Demons are on a mission to win the Southland Conference.



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The Demon Basketball team will be in home action Dec. 14 when they take on the Southern Jaguars in Prather Coliseum.

Horned Frogs stick NSU 97-61; Demons drop to 1-4

Sport Information

Ryan Carroll poured in 36 points on 12-of-16 shooting, including 8-of-12 from three-point range, to lead the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs (3-2) to a 97-61 victory over the visiting Northwestern State Demons (1-4) in college basketball action Tuesday night.

NSU kept the game close for a majority of the first half, trailing by three at 33-30 with 3:26 remaining in the first frame, but the Horned Frogs went a 9-2 run and carried a 42-32 lead into the locker room.

"We made some bad decisions before halftime," said NSU head coach Mike McConathy. "Those bad decisions opened up a three-point game in the first half. They came out in the second half, kept the pressure on, and we committed a lot of unforced errors."

The Demons committed 24 turnovers in the contest, 12 in each half, as opposed to 14 committed by the Horned Frogs.

Northwestern held the shooting advantage in the first half, hitting 13-of-25 shots (.520) from the field, while TCU netted 15-of-36 shots (.417), but the Horned Frogs lit it up from behind the three-point arc, going 7-of-14 (.500) from long range.

For the game, TCU went 12-of-24 from the three-point line with Carroll doing most of the damage.

In the second half, Texas Christian outscored Northwestern 55-29, mainly due to turnovers and hot-shooting. TCU went 21-of-35 (.600) from the field after the break, while NSU cooled down with a 12-for-26 (.462) performance.

"They are a very athletic team," said McConathy. "In the first half, we were able to do some things that forced them to make adjustments. In the second half, they used their athleticism to make some plays and open up the game."

Sophomore guard Ryan Duplessis led three double-digit scorers for the Demons with 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting. Senior guards Alann Polk and Richard Taylor each had 11 points for NSU.

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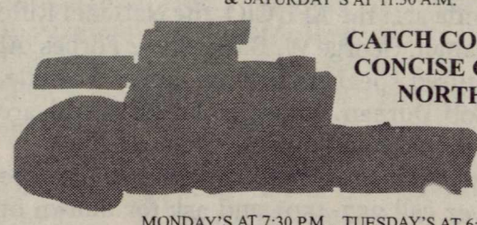

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EDITORIALS

Sauce reporter defends the meaning of 'news'

In several years of being a journalist, working at a professional network affiliate, medium market television station and receiving a scholastic journalist of the year award never have I been so disappointed in the general public than I have been in the past semester.

It has become extremely easy for to us forget that journalists don't make the news, but simply report it, while sitting at home or in cozy little tables in the Student Union reading *The Current Sauce*.

Why is it that journalists have to live by a completely different set of rules than every other professional? If a doctor discovers a new and miraculous cure to a disease or if a lawyer gets an innocent man off of death row, then they are praised and given everything short of canonization, but God forbid journalists do their job and actually have "news" in *The Current Sauce*.

After all these years of being praised for my journalistic integrity, all of a sudden I am seen as a bad journalist because I choose to finally cover something of some substance and that is not just another "fluff" piece.

If you will, let's just take a look at the stories that I have covered this semester: "Tribute to Liz Carol," "Freshman Connection 2000," "Senior class rings," "How Pi Kappa Phi was founded," "Scholars College goes to Italy," numerous Arts and Entertainment reviews and finally the infamous story entitled "Cheerleader weight limits." Well now, looks to me that all of those stories except one were all good little public relations stories for the school. The one time that I tackle something that people are really interested in, certain people act as if it is a sign of Armageddon.

Nevermind that I researched the story for three weeks, talking to cheerleaders from all over the country and even the president of the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors, and every professional and instructor that read my story praised its fairness and thoroughness and even suggested that I submit it in national competitions... nevermind that. People choose not to see this and jump to arms making all kinds of empty threats from pseudo-authoritative positions.

And now the latest in the saga... someone does something (or is mistakenly blamed for doing something [it doesn't matter either way]) and the world rushes to cover their tracks before the big bad *Current Sauce* gets them.

Here's a hint. First of all, don't assume that *The Current Sauce* has nothing better to do than cover insignificant rumors about a shop lifter that happens to attend this University. Secondly, don't assume that you are in any position or have any right to try to stop the paper from running any facts. And, finally, if you have a problem with the paper, talk to the editor, and not every journalism major that you know (we are not the collective voice of *The Current Sauce*).

I pose this question... Why do you read *The Current Sauce*? If it is so scandalous and horrid, why continue to read it? Maybe because it is the leading source of news about this campus, for students, by students. Maybe because this is one of the only places that you can read factual stories about what is going on at NSU before it is filtered and altered to make the school look good. There is a place for Public Relations. Fortunately, it is not *The Current Sauce*. May I suggest the Alumni newsletter if you only want to know he good things that are happening here.

There are some questions that you should ask yourself next time, before you get all worked up about the contents of *The Current Sauce*:

1. If the story weren't about you, your friends or your organization would you still be upset?
2. Is the story false?
3. Are the facts wrong?

If you answer no to these questions then suck it up and remedy the problem. If you answer yes to any of these questions, then and only then, do you have an argument and you should take it up with the editor. Please feel free to e-mail me at kermit_ox@yahoo.com

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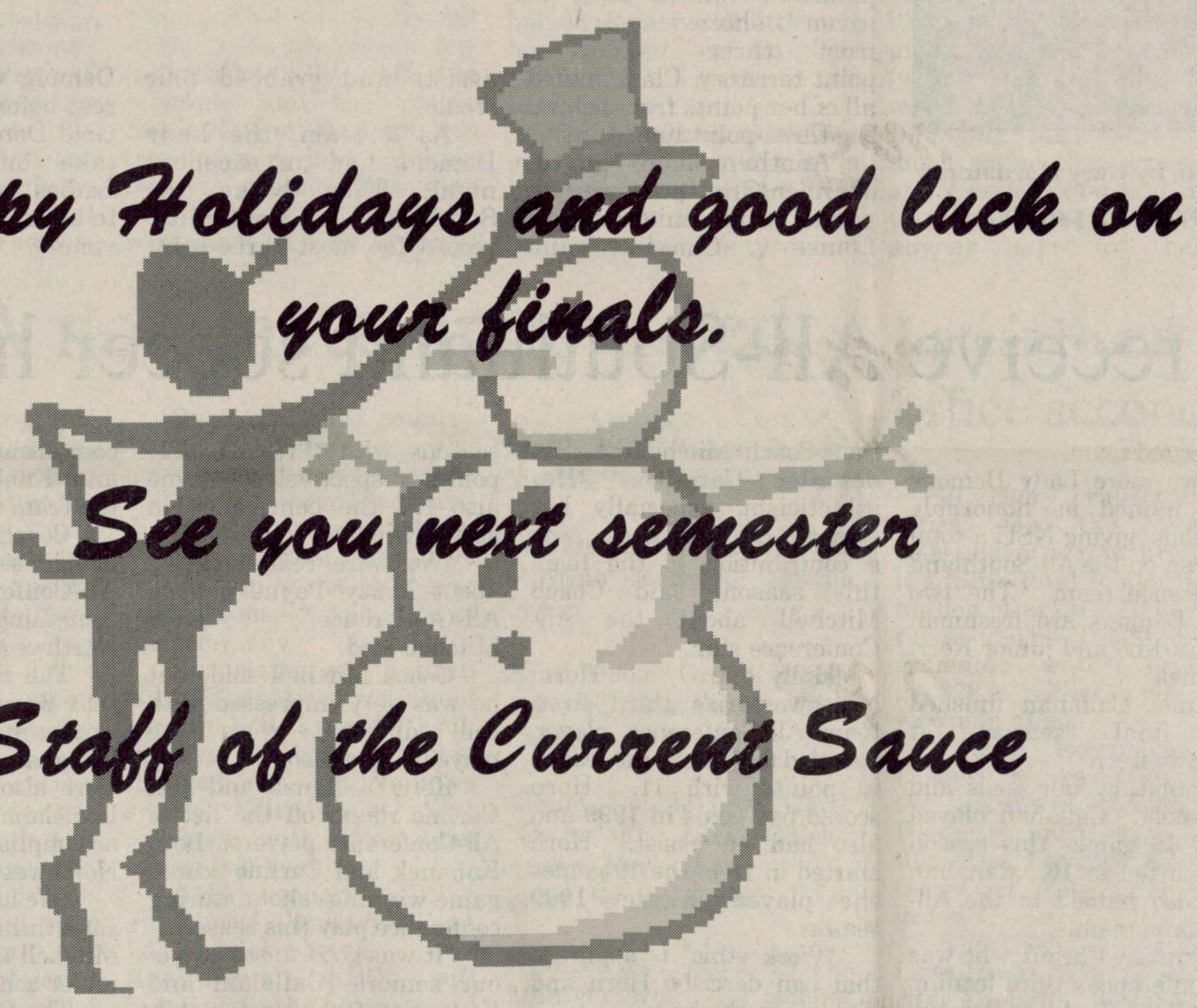

Ask the presidential candidate

Once every four years, we as Americans vote for our leader. We as a country only vote for two leaders: the president and vice president. Fortunately, I have the opportunity to meet some of the people who are running for president. In January, I, along with Senate Chair Earl Gates, will travel to New Hampshire to meet several of the leading candidates in each party.

College Club 2000 is a caucus consisting of campus leaders from across the nation. Louisiana has the largest registered delegation so far and the candidates know it. We have the opportunity to represent Louisiana to the next president of the United States.

What's in it for you?

You can submit questions to me or ask for stances on certain issues. Many of you will throw this chance away by not participating. All you have to do is email me at sga@alpha.nsula.edu and I will do the rest.

The University would look much better if I had to run through a list of questions presented by you the student body instead of me following my own agenda.

Here are some of the topics to get you thinking of some questions. On the agenda are: the AFL CIO, the National Rifle Association, Pat Buchanan, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Al Gore and others. Featured speakers include James Carville, Tony Blankley and Bob Dornan. Issues to be discussed are tuition control, social security and income taxes.

If you have any ideas please email them to sga@alpha.nsula.edu or call 357-4501 and ask for Shawn or Earl.

As a point of interest to all students and faculty members - presidential hopeful Gary Bauer is expected to participate in this year's Christmas Festival parade. Nick Pollacia, executive director of the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce, said all presidential candidates were invited to ride in the parade but only Bauer accepted.

Shawn T. Hornsby

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A special shout out goes to our graduating Sports Editor Kris Collinsworth. Thank you for all of your hardwork, long hours and horribly funny impressions. Good luck in graduate school and keep in touch.

The Current Sauce

Marginalia

I had hoped that in the course of a year I would have moved away from the problem I began with. Unfortunately, some people are still unaware of the hierarchy of the Current Sauce.

I am sure that someone will find this funny... you see the illustrious leader of the pompon line, Jennifer Aby, jumped to a conclusion which did nothing but worry people over nothing.

Instead of calling the student in charge of the student run newspaper, namely me, when she had a question, she called the head of the journalism department who serves strictly as an adviser, not a censor.

For those of you not in the know, I will back up and give you all of the details. Besides, I want to make sure that Jennifer Aby knows exactly who to talk to the next time she has a question.

It all started when two pompon line members left Wal-Mart with film they had not yet paid for... an honest mistake I am sure because upon realizing the error, they promptly returned and paid for it. Circumstance would have it that one of the girls had film with a value, which required the security guard to cite her. Before the fiasco was over the ticket was destroyed and there were no charges filed.

The kicker is that the two little girls must have told their friends. Now word is traveling that two pompon line members were arrested for shoplifting... you know how stories expand and become exaggerated.

Through one source or another, a Current Sauce reporter heard the story. Our first reaction in a situation like this is to check the police blotter and make sure the story is factual... after all that is responsible journalism.

Needless to say, we found nothing of the sorts, so a story was not even considered. [Enter the idiot] Jennifer Aby thought the Current Sauce was on some sort of mission to ruin the pompon line (as if they don't do a good enough job of that themselves). In all of her infinite wisdom, she calls Steve Horton, the head of the department, at midnight to tell him he has to pull the story.

Jennifer Aby's first mistake was calling Steve Horton who has nothing to do with the final cut as to what stories make it and what stories are cut.

The second mistake Jennifer Aby made was calling him at midnight... besides being rude it caused him to call me at midnight, which is why I am writing to my newest friend Jennifer Aby. I plan to follow Jennifer Aby and her merry little group closely throughout the spring semester.

Besides all of that, Steve Horton is not the adviser. That honor belongs to Tommy Whitehead who is officially serving his last day today.

Student media are run by students, hence the name. If Jennifer Aby wanted to find out if we had plans to run such a story, she should have called me. The one thing I have not been able to figure out is why she called on a Tuesday night after the paper had already been printed. If she wanted to know what was in the paper she should have picked up a paper and looked.

Processed film is not quite newsworthy enough to cover but the reason half the pompon line had to be replaced may be... we will have to see next semester.

In the future, I hope everyone will remember Jennifer Aby's mistake. I simply want the opportunity to correct my mistakes as opposed to someone else correcting them as if I was a kindergartner. If I am not made aware of your concerns I cannot address them.

While I have your attention pompon line, why is it that you do more than half of your routines without pompons? You are not the Dazzlers so quit trying to be like them!

Now I know your first impulse is to call the journalism office... fight the urge!

Remember, call the person who can do something about it. I cannot wait to see you next semester girls...Merry Christmas.

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

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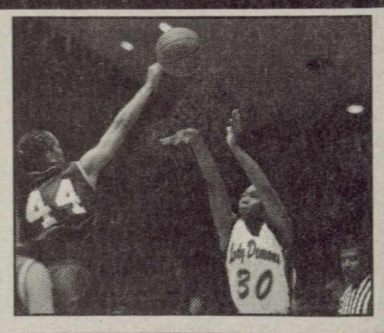

Kia Converse has stepped up in the conference openers scoring 34 points in the last two games.
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Regents release LSUA 4-year status

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

The Board of Regents released options for the future of Louisiana State University at Alexandria's four-year status Friday.

The reports made by the Task Force on the Utilization of Baccalaureate Degree Programs in Central Louisiana analyze four options for the future of LSUA.

Option A is a reconstituted and 'true' university center. Option B proposes a consolidation of LSUA and Northwestern. Option C suggests making LSUA a branch campus of LSU A&M. Finally, Option D recommends authorizing LSUA to offer baccalaureate degrees.

Option A would be an expansion of the current plan with some modifications. LSUA currently offers classes in conjunction with Northwestern. In the new plan, an actual local advisory board would guide the center as opposed to LSUA approving all class schedules as it does now. A 'true' university center would offer courses from schools across the country. For example, the center in Leesville offers courses from across the state and the midwest region of the country.

Option B, the consolidation of NSU and LSUA, represents the most drastic change to the system. The proposed consolidation would require either the LSU Board of Supervisors or the University of Louisiana Board of supervisors to manage both schools. The report did not suggest which university make the switch but it did call for a "consolidation committee comprised of members of LSUA and NSU faculty, staff and other students; community leaders from Alexandria and Natchitoches; system personnel; and others deemed appropriate would serve to plan and facilitate the consolidation."

The third option, makes LSUA a branch campus of LSU A&M in Baton Rouge. The tuition cost, administrative structure and academic policies would need to be resolved by the LSU Board of Supervisors.

The final option authorizes LSUA to offer baccalaureate degrees. "The change in mission proposed by the LSU Board of Supervisors would give LSUA the authority to offer a minimum of six separate baccalaureate level degrees." General studies, elementary education and general business would be offered in accordance with three degrees, which meet the immediate needs of the community.

As far as the University is concerned, President Randall Webb said, "We continue to support the concept of the University Center."

The University just added a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and recently added a bachelor's degree in social work.

The Board of Regents will pass the options on to the legislature so that they can consider expanding the undergraduate and graduate offerings in Central Louisiana. The constitution prohibits the legislature from changing a college's mission without a proposal from the Regents.

photo by Shawn T. Hornsby

The BOard of Regents released the results of an analysis of the role of LSUA in the Central Louisiana area. The outcome could have change Northwestern's role in the CenLA area. The state legislature will decide the future of LSUA in the upcoming sessions.

OPTION A
A reconstituted and 'true University Center

OPTION B
Consolidate LSUA and NSU

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Making LSUA a branch of LSU A&M

OPTION D
Authorize LSUA to offer baccalaureate degrees

90,000 attend Christmas Festival

Sauce Staff

Despite bad weather and cold temperatures, 90,000 people lined the bricks of Front Street and the Natchitoches River Bank during the opening weekend of the 73rd Natchitoches Christmas Festival, Dec. 6 - 7.

For the first time in its history, an admission fee was charged to the festival.

Festival-goers 12 years and up who wanted access to Front Street and the downtown riverbank area were required to pay a $3 admission fee.

The reason for the admission fee, Executive Director of the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce Nick Pollacia explained, was to pay for the costs of of the festival, which included bigger entertainment such as this year's feature performance Sha Na Na.

Pollacia said approximately $50,000 was grossed from the admission fee, and more than $30,000 was made in profit. That money will be used for the 2000 Christmas Festival, he said.

Festival organizers estimated this year's attendance at 90,000.

Pollacia said weather forecasts predicting thunderstorms and festival day weather conditions played a key role in keeping larger crowds away.

"That hurt us," Pollacia said of the weather.

Around the World

Scientists Seek To Expand Cloning

ALBANY, Ga. -

Researchers working on cattle cloning aren't just trying to produce a better steak. Eventually, they hope animal cloning will provide new sources of medicines and organs, reduce birth defects and help feed people in poor countries.

The University of Georgia and the Georgia Research Alliance, which is responsible for attracting world-class scientists to the state, have persuaded a leading expert to conduct cloning research in Athens.

Steve Stice and his staff will focus initially on cloning genetically superior cattle. More consistent cattle would provide higher-quality beef for consumers. Later, the team wants to become the first to successfully clone a pig.

Brit Retailers Fight Wal-Mart Clout

LONDON -

When Asda Group PLC said it planned to add 14 supermarkets and 6,000 employees in Britain, the tread of a giant was heard behind the announcement.

That giant is Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer and the owner of Asda.

The expansion announced Monday is modest, but analysts see Asda's growth strategy as evidence of Wal-Mart's effort to squeeze its competitors in the United Kingdom by expanding its presence, broadening its product range and paring down prices.

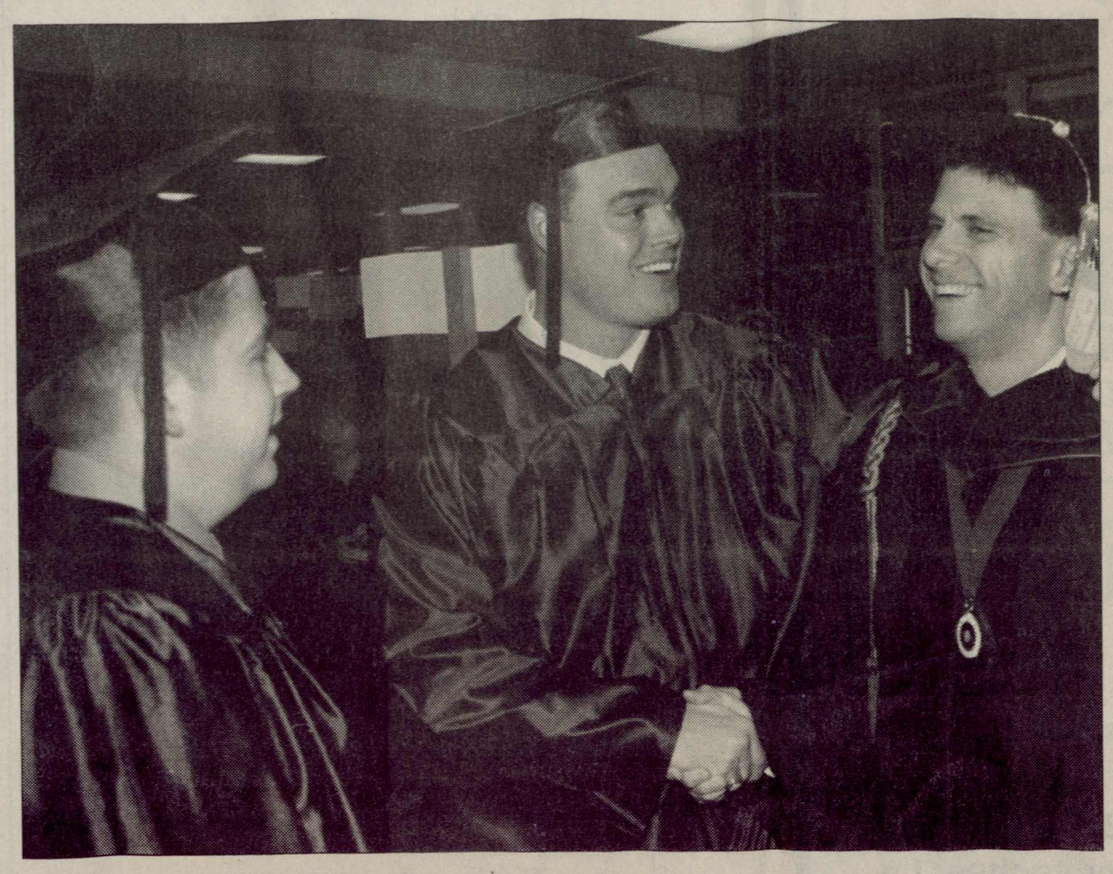
Republicans Spar Over Taxes

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -

Gov. George Bush described himself Monday night as ``a tax cutting person" who delivered in Texas and would as president, but rival Steve Forbes dismissed the Texan's no-new-tax pledges ``as a trinket to win an election."

Taxes were the keynote argument in the third Republican campaign debate in five days, stirred by Forbes' television ad attacking Bush on grounds he reneged on a pledge against any tax increases in Texas.

Arizona Sen. John McCain chimed in, saying his tax plan would be ``far better" for middle-class Americans.



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"Congradulations"
Department of Journalism Head Steve Horton (left) congratulates graduates Rhett Crosby (center) and Kris Collinsworth. Hundreds of University seniors received their degrees in the fall commencement ceremony on December 10.

Office of Admissions' schedule full of activities during spring semester

Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Office of Admissions has a full schedule of events for the Spring 2000 semester to recruit new faces to the University.

Besides sending recruiters throughout the Louisiana state region, the admissions office invites thousands of potential "Demons" every year to NSU's campus. This semester is no exception.

The Office holds both Fall and Spring "Senior Days." Though the recruitment tool held in the Fall sometimes overshadows the Senior Day in the Spring, the event held on February 26 is a good chance for seniors to overlook the campus again and to take advanced placement test.

The Admissions Office also realizes the importance of catching the attention of high school junior's attention, therefore NSU's "Junior Day" will be held on January 22.

The Louisiana Scholar's College will be spotlighted on March 18 when high school students visit to meet its faculty and tour its facilities.

Admissions also takes pride in participating in spirit group tryouts. During the spring semester, those interested in auditioning for Cheerleader, Danceline, and Pom Pom line are invited to take part in a series of auditions. The spirit group schedule of tryouts is as follows:

April 1 - Demon Dazzler Danceline
April 8-9 - Cheerleader Auditions
April 29 — Purple Pizazz Pom Pom Line

Jindal pleased with University, Louisiana System

News Bureau

The past few months have been quite active for Bobby Jindal and the University of Louisiana System.

Jindal, the president of the University of Louisiana System, discussed recent accomplishments and his plans for the future in an address to faculty at the University. The system president spoke at NSU's Faculty Inservice Institute held at the beginning of each semester.

Jindal was quick to praise Northwestern's faculty for its work. He had learned of the faculty's dedication last semester as he talked with students at Northwestern and the seven other system institutions.

"You have a commitment to providing opportunities for students," said Jindal. "You have chosen to be here and to work with them. That is noticed and appreciated."

In his remarks, Jindal talked about the progress the system has made. The system also includes Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Over the past several months, the system has produced a "Guide to Postgraduate Opportunities," a booklet that explains the applications process for qualifying for graduate schools, studying abroad and obtaining scholarships and fellowships.

"I sincerely believe we have future Marshall and Fulbright scholars on our campus along with doctors, lawyers and other professionals," said Jindal. "We want to give these students the tools to compete."

Other accomplishments include an increase in accreditation rates. Approximately 90 percent of eligible academic programs at universities in the system are accredited, the highest rate ever.

More private support is also flowing to system institutions. Jindal said 48 new endowed professorships and chairs have been funded over the past year and the amount of money for research and development has increased by 50 percent from $40 million to $60 million.

"Diversifying our sources of funding is very important. We will continue to go to the private sector to bring in this additional funding to enhance our effectiveness and to leverage our state dollars," said Jindal.

System institutions are better managing their auxiliary funds which include campus services such as residence halls, cafeteria and the post office. For the first time, each university in the system made a profit on their auxiliary fund.

The eight University of Louisiana System schools have also reduced the number of remedial classes taught and have seen their graduation rates increase.

Jindal is working with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop methods to reduce the need for remedial courses and make students more aware of opportunities within the schools of the University of Louisiana System.

The NSU faculty also received a brief overview of some of the higher education issues the state legislature will face during special sessions and the regular sessions. The legislature is expected to consider methods to raise higher education faculty salaries to the southern regional average.

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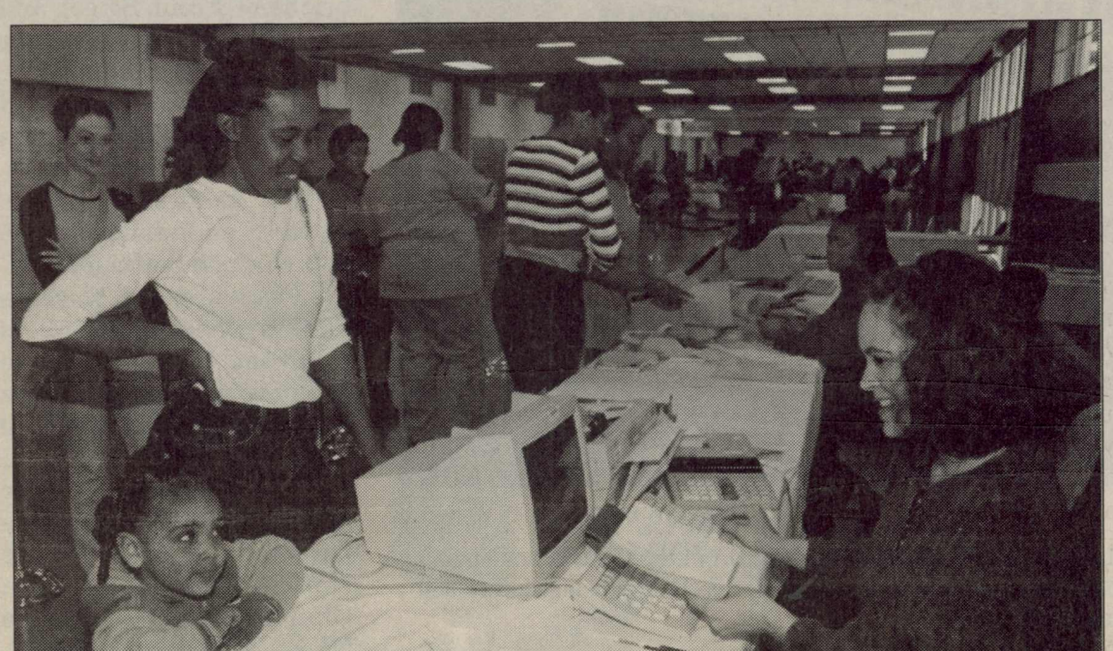
University of Louisiana System President Bobby Jindal (second from right), speaks with University President Randall J. Webb and faculty during his visit recently.



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How much will you give me for the kid?

University students returned to classes this week and many had to juggle their schedules to make their appointed fee payment times. A majority of students unable to attend their time did not receive book vouchers and could not purchase textbooks.

Campus Connections

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. in the journalism conference room

Spanish Club

Meetings at 3 p.m. every Friday in room 333 of Kyser Hall.

Student Activities Board

Six represenative positions are available for the Spring semester. Those interested in a position need to sign up at the Office of Student Activities located in room 214 of the Student Union. Applications must be received by noon Friday. Interviews will be held Jan. 29 at noon in room 221 of the Student Union. Applicants must attend in order to be considered.

Students in Free Enterprise

Meetings are held every Thursday at 4 p.m. Members please attend.

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Spring 2000 Fee Payment Schedule
Graduate and Undergraduate

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Wednesday, January 12

08:30 AM	A
10:00 AM	B
12:30 AM	C
02:30 PM	D
3:00-4:30 PM	E

Thursday, January 13

08:30 AM	F
10:00 AM	G
12:30 AM	H
02:30 PM	I, J
3:00-4:30 PM	K

Friday, January 14,
8:30 AM-3:00
Late Fee Payment

New course begins Saturday in Alexandria

News Bureau

A Professional in Human Resource Management Certificate Course will be offered by Northwestern State University's Office of Continuing Education beginning Saturday.

The course will be taught on alternating Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon through April 22 at the University Center at England Airpark in Alexandria.

Jeff Risinger of Alliance Compressors in Natchitoches will be the instructor. The fee for the class is $350 plus a $300 supply fee.

Employee benefit directors, employee relations managers, senior managers new to human resources, training directors, human resources staff seeking advancement and human resources employees with exempt experience can benefit from the class.

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Arts & Entertainment

A&E News in Brief

Ethridge's Baby's Daddy

Some are calling it a case of platinum paternity. According to the upcoming issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine, David Crosby of the musical group Crosby Stills and Nash is the father of Grammy nominated singer Melissa Ethridge's two children. Ethridge and partner Julie Cypher, who also happens to be the ex-wife of *La Bamba* star Lou Diamond Phillips, had the children after she was artificially impregnated. The couple said that they "just got so tired of this secret." They said that they wanted to dispel rumors that the father was Brad Pitt or Bruce Springsteen. The couple, along with Nash, will be featured on the cover of the magazine's next issue.

Super Bowl Entertainers Named

The Super Bowl entertainment seems to have become a somewhat of a "Material World." Grammy Award winning musician Madonna will join a star studded cast of celebrities for the first super bowl pre-game show of the century. The "Material Girl" will debut her "Madonna-cized" cover of the Don McClean's hit "*American Pie*."

Joining Madonna are diva Tina Turner and diva-in-training Christina Aguilera.

Aguilera said that she is happy to be a part of the show and ranks it with performing for president Clinton during his Christmas celebration.

Also performing during the Super Bowl will be Phil Collins, Enrique Iglesias, Toni Braxton, and Travis Tritt.

The Blair Witch Strikes Again

The company that brought us the "*Blair Witch Project*" and "*Curse of the Blair Witch*" are planing on both a sequal and prequal to the low budget hit of the past summer. Artisian Entertainment and Haxan Films are not giving away any of the specifics of the film, but they did tell *USA Today* that the prequal will deal with the early Blair Witch mythology to the late 18th century and lead up to where the original began. Unlike the original film, these two will have a budget in the $7-$10 million range.

So you want to be a Demon 91.7 FM DJ? All you have to do is meet in Room 138 of Kyser Hall at 4:00 Wednesday.

Academy announces Grammy nominations

Larry Collins
Entertainment Manager

File Photo
Grammy nominees include Macy Gray, Mary J. Blidge, Steven Curtis Chapman, Christina Aguilera, and Mark McGrath..

The nominees for the 42nd annual Grammy Awards were announced last week and it looks as if the teen and Latin revolutions are going to be dominating this year's Grammys just as they have the music charts.

Carlos Santana and his group of the same name, Santana lead the Latin wave and all nominees with 10 nominations. Other Latin nominees include pop princess, Christina Aguilera, Ricky Martin, Marc Anthony and Jennifer Lopez. Grammy golden child, Martin hopes to win for a second consecutive year in the three categories that he is nominated in.

Ratings for the televised award ceremony are expected to eclipse and far bypass that of recent years. With teen acts such as the Backstreet Boys, who received 5 nominations, and Louisiana native Britney Spears heavily nominated, teens are expected to tune into the annual event in droves.

These teen artists are present in some pretty unlikely categories. The Orlando based group 'N Sync was nominated for Best Country Collaboration, because of their duet with Alabama on the song "*God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You.*"

The best Female Pop Vocal Performance cataegory that is usually stacked with artist such as Sheryl Crow, Whitney Houston, and Shawn Colvin, saw a new turn in the direction of teen stardom with Aguilera and Spears at the helm.

The same can be said for the Best Male Pop Vocal Performance category when Grammy regulars Phil Collins, Elton John, and Rod Stewart were over looked in favor of teen idols Lou Bega, and Latin heart throbs Anthony and Martin.

The Best New Artist category will seem to be the most interesting, because teen queens, Aguilera and Spears will battle it out in a category that has seen wins form Artist of the Decade, Mariah Carey and the forgotten artist Marc Cohn. Along with the two would-be diva's new-comers Macy Gray and Kid Rock.

R&B power group TLC got 8 nods and one of the most impressive is for Album of the Year for "*Fanmail*" where they are joined by the Backstreet Boys ("*Millennium*"), the Dixie Chicks ("*Fly*"), Diana Krall ("*When I look in your Eyes*"), and Santana ("*Supernatural*").

Song of the Year nominees are lead by the ever present Santana and Rob Thomas for "*Smooth*" along with "*I Want it that Way*" (Backstreet Boys), "*Livin' La Vida Loca*" (Ricky Martin), "*Unpretty*" (TLC), "*You've Got a Way*" (Shania Twain).

Another category that will be watched closely is that of Best Song Written for a Motion Picture. This category is often echoed in the Academy Award ballots. Nominees are "*Beautiful Stranger*," (Madonna) from *Autsin Powers the Spy that Spy that Shagged Me*, "*Music of my Heart*," ('N Sync and Gloria Estefan) from *Music of the Heart* and "*When You Believe*," (Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston) from the *Prince of Egypt*.

These soundtrack hits join "*You'll be in my Heart*," (Phil Collins) from *Tarzan* and "*The Time of Your Life*," (Randy Newman) from *A Bug's Life* in a category that has more traditional grammy favorites.

Spring traditions continue, more to come in future

Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

Departments around campus are now beginning to publicize events for the spring 2000 semester. Many of the activities that occurred during the fall proved to be successful and all departments are hoping they can continue entertaining that quantity of students again.

The Lady of the Bracelet pageant, in its forty-first year has always been one of the most recognizable and proudest events of NSU tradition. This past year, program coordinators made sure that this pageant would carry on the good quality of the pageant's competition in the past. Seven of Northwestern's most competitive ladies have gone through the L.O.B. preparation process and will appear on stage on January 28.

The contestants in L.O.B. will have some "on-stage" guests throughout the pageant. The Department of Creative and Performing Arts will hold auditions this week for intermission performers.

Dr. Jack Wann, coordinator of NSU's theatre program, says that anyone who can sing or dance and who wishes to participate should tryout. Those chosen by the department will be amongst the many non-contestant performers to entertain onlookers in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The Demons Dazzlers, NSU men's choir, and jazz band will all make appearances on-stage on the 28th.

Though both the S.A.B. and theatre department remain quite busy providing the L.O.B. pageant with entertainment, attention Thursday and Friday in the Creative and Performing Arts building will be focused on finding performers for the department's next production, Gallelio.

Auditions will be held from 6 to 9 this Thursday and Friday night.

Across the way and into the student union, the Student Activities Board is gearing up for the next "Coffee House Series." The next installment of, what appears to be one of the university's most successful activities, will be held on January 24.

Susanna Deshotel, Assistant Director for the Student Activities Board, said that this installment will be a rendition of "The Mystery Theater."

Audience participation, as always, will be encouraged in this series and the Student Activities Board encourages everyone to attend. "Mystery Theater" premieres in Vick's Cafeteria at 8 o'clock.

People's Choice Award winners revealed

Elona Boggs
Contributing Writer

Stars shone brightly in Pasadena, Calif., Sunday, as the winners of the 26th Annual People's Choice Awards were announced. Musicians and actors gathered to either present awards or receive them. The program aired on CBS and was hosted by Don Johnson and Cheech Marin, stars of "*Nash Bridges.*"

The biggest victory belonged to the horror film "*The Sixth Sense.*" The film was named Favorite Motion Picture, Favorite Dramatic Motion Picture, and its star Bruce Willis was named Favorite Motion Picture Star in a Drama.

There were a few surprises at the ceremony. Jennifer Love Hewitt was named Favorite Female Performer in a New Television Series for her performance in the new series "*Time of Your Life*," despite its low ratings. Newcomer Billy Campbell won in the same honor in the male category for his series "*Once and Again.*"

Other celebrities honored were Harrison Ford, Adam Sandler, the Backstreet Boys and Ricky Martin.

Some winners were chosen by a Gallup poll, while others were chosen by Internet voting. People chose their favorites in television, music and film.

Winners include:

Favorite Male Television Performer
Drew Carey "*The Drew Carey Show*" ABC

Favorite Female Television Performer
Calista Flockhart "*Ally McBeal*" FOX

Favorite Male Performer in a New Television Series
Billy Campbell "*Once and Again*"ABC

Favorite Female Performer in a New Television Series
JenniferLove Hewitt – "*Time of Your Life*" FOX

Favorite Television Comedy Series
"*FRIENDS*" NBC

Favorite Television Dramatic Series
"*ER*"NBC

File Photo
Jennifer Love Hewitt pulls a surprise win at the People's Choice Awards.

Favorite New Television Dramatic Series
"*Providence*" NBC

Favorite Male Musical Performer
Ricky Martin

Favorite Female Musical Performer
Shania Twain

Favorite Musical Group or Band
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Favorite Motion Picture
"*The Sixth Sense*"

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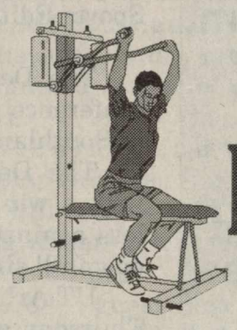

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University basketball began conference play

Lady Demons start conference play with three straight wins

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons, coming off two home wins last week, seem to be hitting on all cylinders just at the right time.

Riding a 5-game winning streak, the Lady Demons (10-2, 4-0) get set to travel to Nacogdoches to battle for sole possession of first place with the SFA Lady Lumberjacks on Thursday. Last year, the Lady Demons defeated SFA on the road 85-84 and are looking to repeat history.

Judy Clark's 15.7 points per game, 8.7 assists and 2.7 steals last week were good enough to garner the Southland conference's Player of the Week award. Her 22 points and 11 assists in Saturday's game against Sam Houston helped the Lady Demons over come a late fourth quarter rally. Couple that with Louise Chase's 16 points and a team shooting percentage of 54% and that equals a 77-59 win.

After a second half lead the grew as high as 20 points, the Ladykats (4-7, 3-1) got as close as seven late in the fourth. But a balanced scoring attack couple with Kia Converse's 16 points and another 14 from Jennifer Graf helped put Sam Houston away.

Clark had her 9th career double-double and her first this season.

The Lady Demons had a much easier time with the UTA lady Mavericks, handing them their first conference loss 60-46. Kia Converse was the story once again for the Lady Demons, knocking down 18 points and 15 rebounds. Jennifer Graf, Emily Huey and Judy Clark were also double-digit scorers in the game.

The Lady Mavericks were only down by two at halftime 25-23, but shooting a mere 23% for the rest of the game, UTA never got any closer tan 17.

Surprisingly, the high scorer for the game was UTA's Jennifer Boniol. She scored 19 points in the game.

Saturday's battle with SFA will take place at 5:15 p.m. SFA also comes into the game streaking, winners of seven straight. The Lady Lumberjacks come into the game with a record of 11-2 overall and 4-0 in conference play.

photo by Gary Hardamon

SLC player of the week Judy Clark blows by UT-Arlington guard Leah Echiverri to the Lady Demons to a conference win.

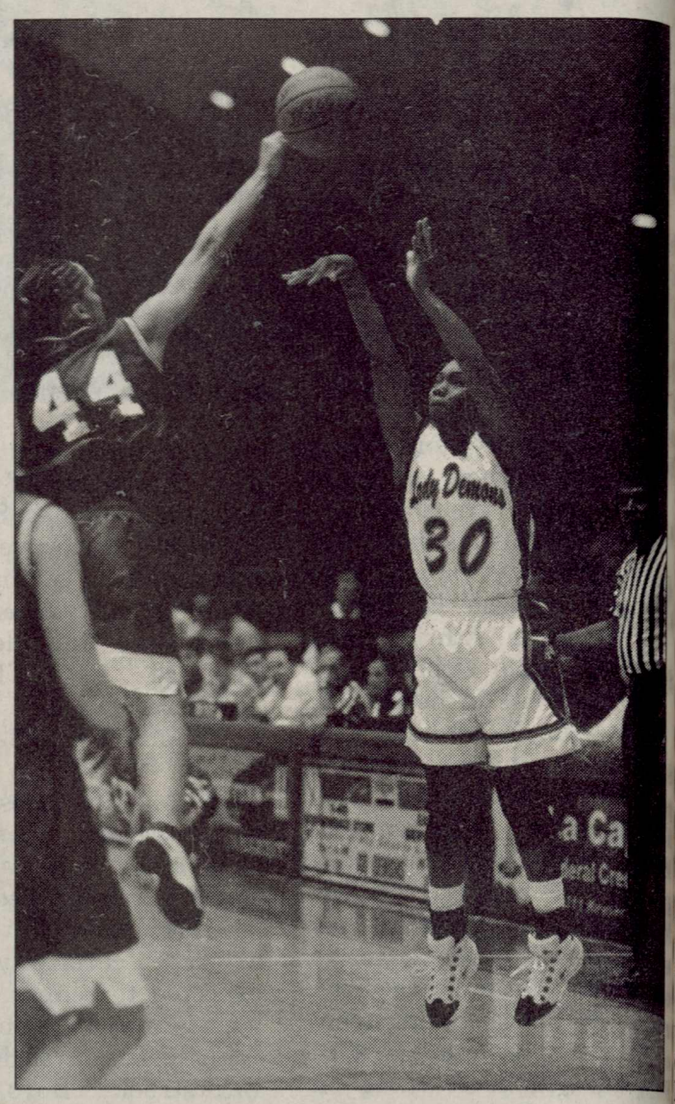
Northwestern v Centenary
At Natchitoches
Centenary 41
Northwestern 87

Northwestern v Utah
At Boise State Tournament
Utah 86
Northwestern 55

Northwestern v S Utah
At Boise State Tournament
S Utah 72
Northwestern 80

Northwestern v Lamar
At Lamar
Northwestern 69
Lamar 50

Northwestern v McNeese
At McNeese
Northwestern 73
McNeese 58



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Lady Demons guard Kia Converse had 34 points in the last two games. Converse also pulled down 15 rebounds against UTA to help Northwestern go undefeated in conference play.

Demons' basketball off to a rocky start in conference play

Northwestern v Southern
At Natchitoches
Southern 65
Northwestern 81

Northwestern v McNeese
At McNeese
Northwestern 63
McNeese 60

Northwestern v SW Arkansas
At Natchitoches
SW Arkansas 48
Northwestern 83

Northwestern v Lamar
At Lamar
Northwestern 58
Lamar 70

Kaleb Breaux
Sports Editor

The Demons have lost three straight conference games to move to one and four in Southland action.

The Demons started conference play with a win against McNeese State and a loss against Lamar, but things have been downhill since.

UT-Arlington rolled into town on Thursday and had no trouble beating the "hell" out of the Demons.

Alann Polk and Richard Taylor both had 14 points and forward Chris Thompson chipped in with nine total rebounds.

However, this was not enough to match UTA's outstanding display of offense. The Mavericks an amazing 85.7 percent in the first half. UTA's Keith Greene led all scorers with 28. Green also ripped down seven rebounds.

The conference game ended with a final score of UT-Arlington 94 and Northwestern 64.

The conference game on Saturday did not get any better for Northwestern when the visiting Sam Houston State Bearkats handed Northwestern their third conference loss.

Will Burks led the Demons in points scored with 19. Burks also had 7 rebounds.

The Demons shot only 25 percent from the floor in the first half.

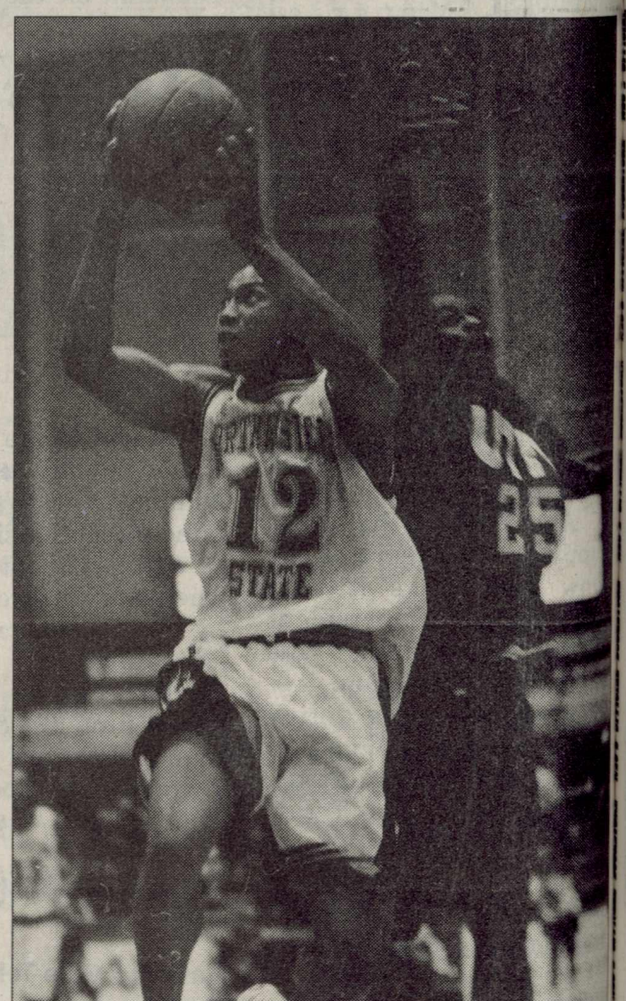
David Amaya, Sam Houston State, was 10 for 14 from the floor and had 20 points.

The only thing that the Demons improved on was the point deficit at the end of the game, which was 10 points. The final score was Sam Houston 60, Northwestern 50.

Northwestern has an overall record of four and eight and a conference record of one and three.

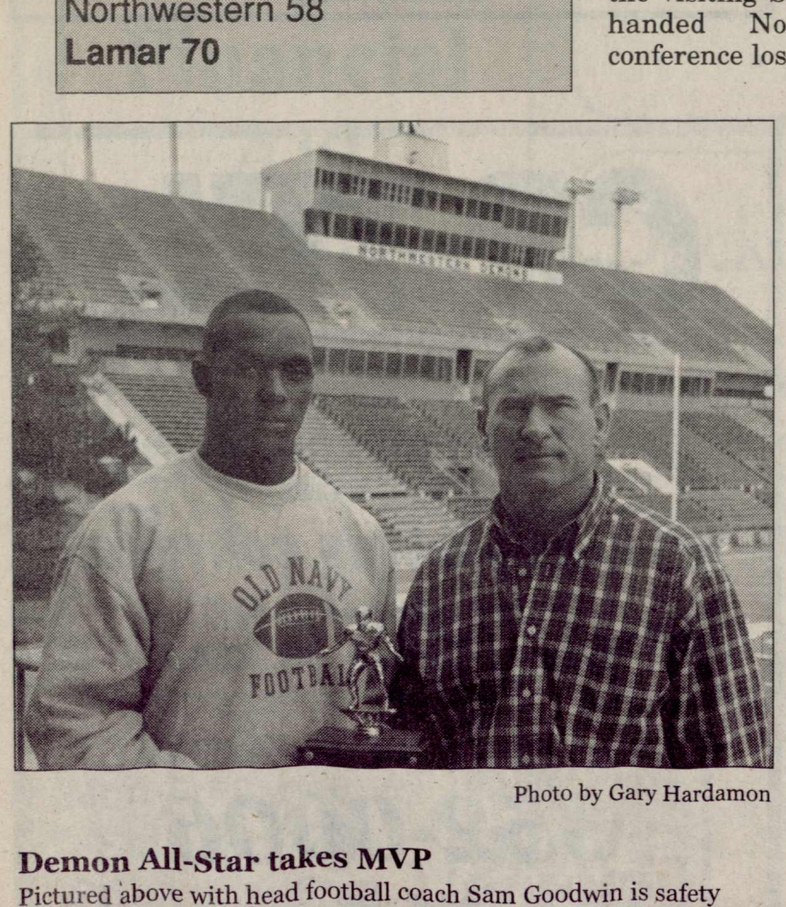
Northwestern's next home game is on January 13th, when they will be hosting Centenary.

***Both the Demons and the Lady Demons will take on Stephen F. Austin on January 13. This is a double header with the men tipping off at 6:00 p.m. and the women will tipoff at 8:15 p.m. The Lady Demons are looking to pick up their fifth straight conference win. The Demons are looking to rebound from a three game downward spiral. Both are Southland Conference games.



Gary Hardamon

Demon guard Alann Polk flies past a UT-Arlington defender for two of his fourteen points. This was not enough to counter the great UTA ofense as the Demons drop three straight conference games.



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Demon All-Star takes MVP
Pictured above with head football coach Sam Goodwin is safety Mike Green. During his junior year, Green was on the heals of an All-American performance with 99 tackles and 2 interceptions. Green received the MVP at this years Blue and Gray Game.

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SPORTS

Northwestern baseball adds three signees to their roster

Sports Information

Northwestern head baseball coach John Cohen announced the Northwestern State University Demon baseball program signed three pitchers from the junior college ranks during the fall signing period.

Gene DeSalme of Meramec (Mo.) Community College, O.J. King of Connors State College (Okla.), and Randy Lack of Neosho County (Kan.) Community College are all new members of the Demon baseball team.

"Gene, O.J., and Randy are all quality additions to our program,"said Cohen, beginning his third season at Northwestern State. "They can all make an impact on our team and on our conference when they join the team."

DeSalme, a 6-4, 210 pound left-hander who prepped at Rolla High School in Rolla, Mo., was drafted in the 16th round by the New York Mets after his freshman season at Meramec.

"Gene is a big, athletic, power pitcher," said Cohen. "He has a chance to be a dominant pitcher in our league." "He comes from a junior college that has produced a number of impact-type players," added Cohen. "Gene certainly falls into that category."

"Gene, O.J., and Randy are all quality additions to our program. They can only make an impact on our team and on our conference when they join the team."

John Cohen
Head Baseball Coach

King, a 6-3, 200 pound right-hander who prepped at Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla., had a solid freshman season at Connors. He posted a 7-1 record with a 2.92 ERA, allowing 41 hits and 11 walks in 45.2 innings of work, while striking out 57 batters.

"O.J. is a big kid with a strong arm," said Cohen. "He also has great command of his pitches."

"He is a proven winner," added Cohen. "He comes from one of the best junior college programs in the nation."

Lack, a 5-9, 170 pound right-hander who prepped at Memorial High School in Tulsa, Okla., had a very productive freshman campaign at Neosho in 1999. He posted a 7-2 record with a 3.28 ERA, allowing 44 hits and walking 18 in 57 innings, while striking out 79 batters.

"Randy is a great competitor with a live arm," said Cohen. "He is absolutely fearless and is not afraid to fill up the strike zone."

"I look forward to watching him pitch against teams on our very demanding schedule the next two years," added Cohen. "He is an asset to our program."

Northwestern State finished the 1999 season with a 38-21 overall record and a second-place finish in the Southland Conference. Despite wins over LSU and UCLA, NSU did not receive an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Demons, who sport the 21st best winning percentage among Division I-A programs in the 1990's, have won six Southland Conference titles in the past nine seasons. NSU is second only to Wichita State in conference championships during the 1990's.

Seventeen student-athletes receive degrees from the University

Sports Information

Record-setting All-Southland Conference pitcher David Balcer and football quarterback Bo Meeks were cum laude graduates a list of 17 Northwestern State student-athletes receiving degrees during the university's1999 fall commencement exercises in Prather Coliseum.

Balcer and Meeks, who had cumulative grade point averages of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale, were among 25 honors graduates in the class of 670 students.

Balcer, the all-time appearances leader in SLC baseball history, played on two conference championship teams. Meeks helped the 1998 Demon football team win a Southland Football League title and reach the Division I-AA semifinals.

Also on that Demon team and the 1997 SFL champion squad were safety B.J. Williams, defensive end Rhett Crosby, linebacker Alja Delaney and student coach Jay Olive, who received degrees Friday.

Among the other athletic graduates were softball stars Becca Allen, Shante' Jones and Jennifer Peck, who teamed on the 1998 SLC championship team that reached the NCAA Tournament. Jones also played on the Demons' 1999 SLC title team.

Three-time SLC high jump champion Felipe Apablaza returned from his homeland of Chile' to participate in graduation ceremonies after completing degree requirements this summer. Apablaza and fellow graduates Robert Bonner and Kenny LeBaron helped the Demons win the 1998 SLC Indoor and 1999 SLC Outdoor track and field team championships.

Stacy Gay and Missy Pollard, part of a record setting women's mile relay team for NSU, also received degrees, as did cross country standout Christal Traylor, who holds Lady Demon records for the 800 and 1500 meter run.

Two-time All-SLC outfielder Rob Landstadt received his degree after playing on a pair of conference champion baseball teams for Northwestern.

Also graduating Friday night were sports information student assistants Kris Collinsworth and Emily Wanersdorfer, student trainer Brian Davis, and Demon basketball pep band student director David Beaver. Former Demon volleyball coach Mary DeJute received a master's degree.

Broussard and Green receive All-American honors

Sports Information

Broussard, a 6-0, 254-pound Crowley native, was a 1998 second-team Sports Network All-America selection as a junior when the Demons reached the I-AA semifinals and finished 11-3.

He joins classmate Mike Green as a two-time All-American.

Last month, Green, a safety from Ruston, was named a first-team All-American on I-AA teams selected by the Associated Press and the American Football Coaches Association, and was a third-team Sports Network pick. He also was named the Defensive Player of the Year on the All-Louisiana team and won Gray Defensive MVP honors after making 11 tackles in the Kelly Tires Blue-Gray All-Star Game on Christmas day.

Green and Broussard join a distinguished group of all-time Demon football greats who have won All-America honors in two different seasons.

Heading the list is three-time All-America linebacker Gary Reasons (1981-83), along with two-time All-America selections Al Dodd (safety, 1965-66), Joe Delaney (tailback, 1979-80) and Marcus Spears (offensive tackle, 1992-93).

"It's pretty amazing to be included in that group," said Broussard. "This is a tremendous honor."

Broussard graded 90 percent or better three times last fall while posting the highest season grade by an offensive lineman in head coach Sam Goodwin's 17 seasons at Northwestern.

Broussard anchored an offensive line that helped sophomore tailback Tony Taylor set school single-season records for rushing yards (1,441), scoring (96 points) and TDs (16).

Northwestern averaged 390.1 yards per game, including an average of 181 rushing yards, in Broussard's two years as a starter.

A two-time All-Southland Football League and All-Louisiana center, Broussard was recently recognized as one of 15 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes for 1999 and will receive an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship.

Broussard was an honored guest at the Foundation's 42nd Annual Awards Dinner Dec. 7 in the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, seated on the dias with the 1999 inductees to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Nominated as a Rhodes Scholar candidate, he is an English major in the Louisiana Scholars' College.

The Northwestern student body last fall selected Broussard "Mr. NSU" in recognition of his leadership, accomplishments and character.

The Demons' Offensive Player of the Game three times as a senior season, Broussard is the president of the NSU Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter. He was featured in the October edition of the FCA's monthly magazine, "The Victory," which has 200,000 readers.

Broussard was one of 20 Division I-AA players chosen as a Burger King Scholar-Athlete. Burger King Corporation presented him with a $10,000 donation in his name to the Northwestern general scholarship fund.

"It's pretty amazing to be included in that (three-time All-Americans) group. This is a tremendous honor."

Wiilliam Broussard
Senior Center,

The Breaux Zone

Kaleb Breaux
Sports Editor

For those of you who might be consistent readers of the sports section, you may have noticed a few changes.

First, there is a new sports editor, me. You might have noticed some of my articles in earlier issues of *The Current Sauce*, or then again, maybe not. We all know that the sports page is not the most popular page in *The Current Sauce*. Hopefully, that will soon change.

Second, I hope that you soon see some changes in the sports page. We, the sports writers, hope to add some life to our page(s). Some of the articles that will be added will involve your participation. Some of these new articles will include a section where you the student will e-mail *The Current Sauce* and give us your comment about Northwestern sports or anything that is sports related. We will take any comments, negative or positive, just as long as it pertains to NSU sports. We will call this article "From the Bleachers". We will also do a feature on one athlete each week. This will be written by Cade Brumley, a Sauce reporter. We do this in an attempt to get you, the students, to read the sports page.

The sports page may not say anything about overweight cheerleaders or give tips on sex, but we do hope to grab your attention. I have no intentions of writing positive things about any Northwestern athletic team that fails to win a game in five or six attempts. I also have no intentions of making anyone mad, but if this does occur, I apologize and will take your verbal abuse.

My main goal while I am the sports editor at *The Current Sauce* is to get you, the reader, more interested in the sports page as well as athletic events here on campus. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the avid readers of the sports page. For those of you who do not, may God have mercy on your soul.

Please feel free to send me any comments suggestions that you may have.

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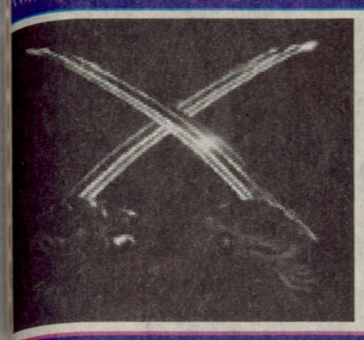

The cast for the X-Men movie has been announced. Find out who made the cut.
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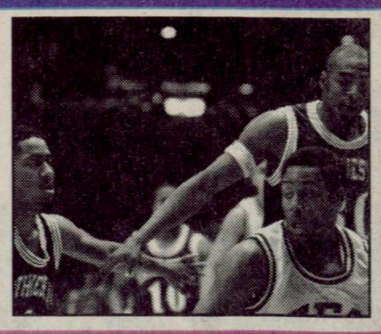

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Around the World

Israel-Syria Negotiations Postponed

JERUSALEM - A high-level round of peace talks between Israel and Syria scheduled to begin this week were suspended today, but the two sides agreed instead to send experts to Washington to work on a draft agreement proposed by the United States.

In a carefully worded statement, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright blamed neither side for the postponement, saying only that ``their approaches'' to a document presented to them by the Clinton administration differed.

The decision to postpone the talks, announced earlier today by Prime Minister Ehud Barak, followed hints that the Syrians were frustrated by the lack of progress toward a withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Rally Targets S.C. Confederate Flag

COLUMBIA, S.C. - With signs reading ``Your heritage is my slavery,'' thousands of people marched yesterday to protest the Confederate flag that flies above the Statehouse and demand a permanent state holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

King's son, Martin Luther King III, opened the day with a prayer breakfast at the University of South Carolina.

"This is the kind of thing we need to be doing on Martin Luther King's birthday," King said. ``The flag is a terrible symbol that brings a lot of negative energy."

New computer system available Jan. 24

Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

A new year brings something new to NSU. Beginning on January 24, a new computer system, Pipeline, will be accessible to all NSU faculty and students.

Pipeline is an organization of the services that are available on campus, making them available electronically as well as providing pertinent information. Pipeline is the first major effort to organize all of the services offered on campus and making them easily available through a portal.

According to Anthony Scheffler, director of information systems, NSU will be the third school in the nation to activate Pipeline. Because the University is a charter member, the Pipeline software was given to the University. This software would have cost the University over $200,000.

By using Pipeline, individual students will have several options, whereas before their options were limited.

"We want our students to have access to the best," said Randall Webb, President of NSU. "We found it imperative to go in this direction."

Students will be able to tailor their own web pages to provide them with immediate and accurate information. For example, students will be able to choose to be updated on the latest basketball scores, what's happening in their clubs or organizations, current events, etc.

There will be many services that Pipeline will provide for students. In the registration process, a student will be able to look up classes, drop/add classes, view/print schedules and change class options (pass/fail, audit or credit hours).

When dealing with financial records, a student will be able to apply for financial aid and view current bills. Students will also be able to change/view addresses, view holds, view grades, view/print unofficial transcripts and view/print degree audits.

Pipeline will have an integrated e-mail system. It will be able to access e-mail from any browser with Internet access, filter broadcast e-mail messages and work with existing e-mail or as a standalone e-mail server.

Pipeline will have web shopping where anyone can buy a variety of items: textbooks, clothing, computers and music. Discounts may be available through Pipeline.

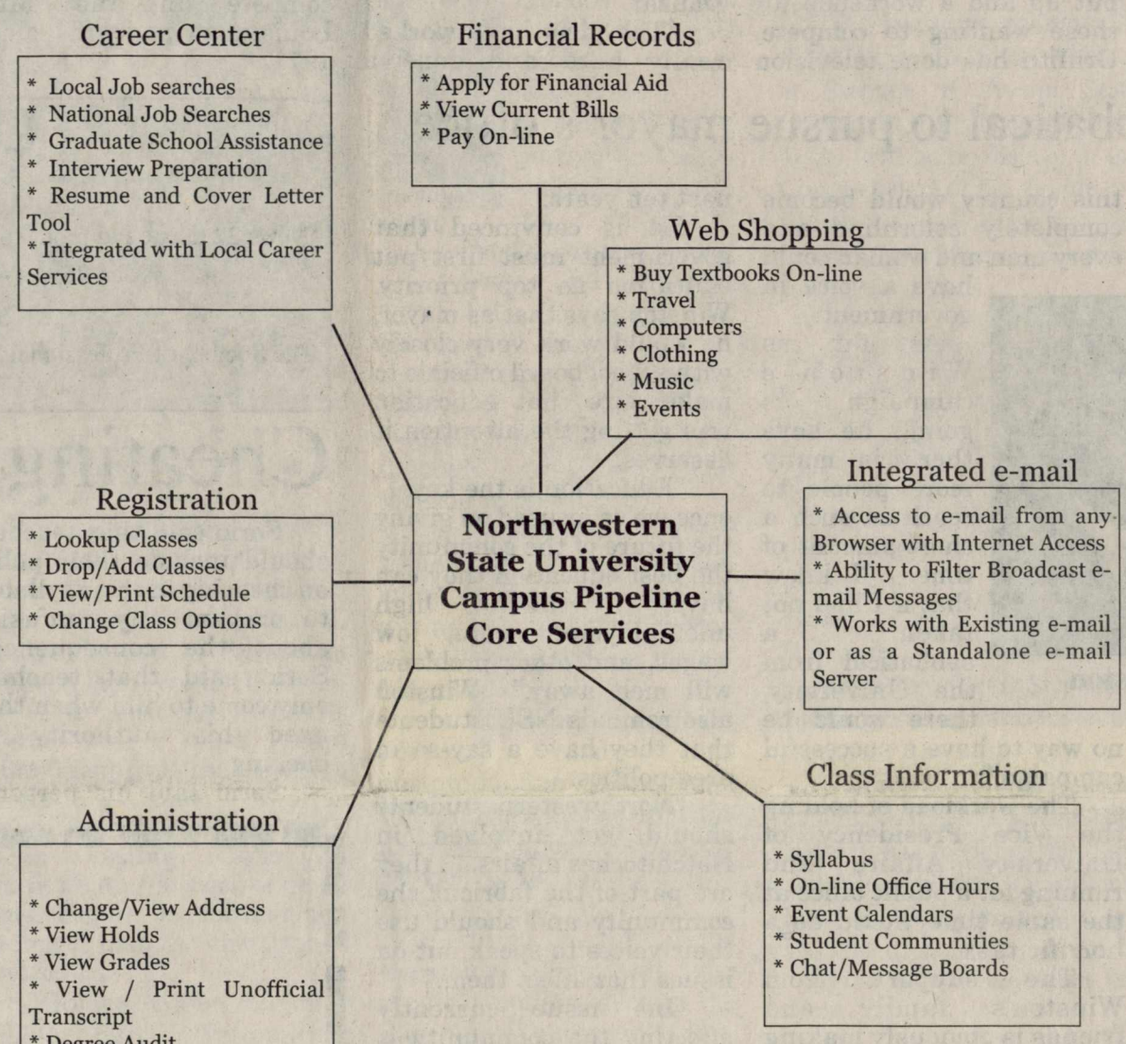
It will also host applications such as campus auctions and event calendars. Additional links will be provided for the Student Government, The Current Sauce and Campus Organizations.

There will be an on-line research center for faculty and students. Course resources such as syllabuses, on-line office hours, e-conferencing, discussion forums and student/teacher homepages will be posted.

Webb is very excited about the new computer system.

"I think Pipeline will enrich the quality of services NSU provides," Webb said.

What pipeline will do for students



Services are available Spring 2000

Faculty members discuss University cheating issues

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Although there is no clear policy on cheating, administrators say there are few reported instances of cheating on campus.

Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, said he has handled few incidents involving students being accused of cheating. Seymour said that there are no specific penalties or consequences directly associated with cheating on campus.

"It has been our preference as a Student Affairs Staff for us to always analyze violations of the code on a case by case basis," said Seymour.

Seymour said students accused of cheating are typically dealt with within the department where the infraction occurred. This fact could explain why Seymour has only dealt with a few cases of cheating.

Ray Wallace, head of the language and communications department said that he handles about five cases of cheating a semester.

"If it is all and out cheating...they fail the entire course," Wallace said. Wallace said that receiving an "F" in the course is the main way cheating is handled in his department. Although the Student Handbook lists much more severe punishments that could be imposed, Wallace said that he is content with the department's method.

"I think failing English 1010 or 1020 or having to retake that course is punishment enough," Wallace said. "Failing a course, that's a big deal."

Frank Serio,head of the math department, said that his individual teachers handle the majority of cheating infractions themselves.

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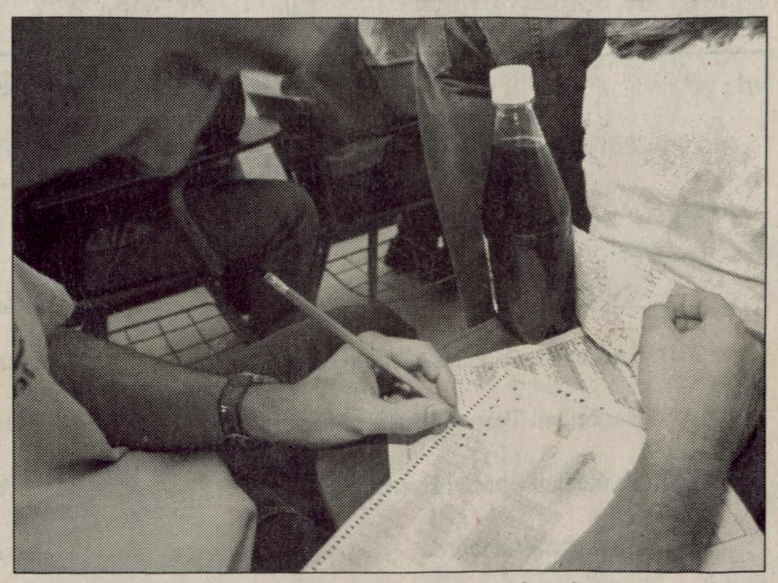


Photo by Courtney Payne

Because of a rarity in reports, there is no clear punishment defined for students caught cheating. Most professors have their own policies regarding cheaters, however.

photo by Pedro Labori

School students in Havana, Cuba march demanding the return of Elian Gonzales. Elian has become the prize in a political tug-of-war between Cuba and the United States. View both sides of the struggle through the lens of University student Pedro Labori on page 6.

Has technology helped students plagiarize?

Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Technology that once aided students in plagiarizing are now aiding instructors in busting would be cheaters.

With the growing popularity of the Internet and its' widespread use, organizations have discovered ways to profit from selling term papers on the Internet.

There are many web sites that distribute term papers on-line. Some of these web sites charge fees for their services while others are free.

Http://termpapers-on-file.com offers a large variety of on-file term papers that can be purchased for $8.95 a page. Custom written pages can cost students $18.95 a page.

In order to help catch students who turn in plagiarized work, the web sites http://plagiarism.com and http://plagiarism.org offer a service that allows instructors to enter in selections from the questioned work. These selections are compared to a database of indexed and cataloged academic works to see if they have been plagiarized.

Within two or three days the results of the tests are sent to the teacher or other user. If the paper is flagged as an unoriginal, a list of the five most similar papers and a hyperlink to the text will appear in the report.

Ray Wallace, head of the language and communications department said that he feels these services are not needed on this campus.

"It's easier to spot [plagiarism] than that," Wallace said.

"We don't need to go to a web page."

Wallace said that it is easy to spot a plagiarized paper. He said usually the documented sources for these papers are not located in the campus library, which sparks some concern. Also, Wallace said that teachers often learn the writing styles of their students and can detect unoriginal words or phrases. "It's pretty hard to get one over on the faculty," Wallace said.

Miss Lady of the Bracelet scheduled Jan. 28

Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

The 41st annual Miss Lady of the Bracelet pageant will be held on Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the A. A. Fredericks Fine Arts Auditorium.

A portion of this year's pageant is dedicated to the memory of Liz Caroll who died last year after a bout with cancer.

Affectionately known to most students as Miss Liz, Carroll served as the assistant director of student activities and affairs at the University for the past several years.

There are seven contestants for the pageant who signed up last fall. The winners have been in the top five of the Miss Louisiana pageant in the last 10 years. There are five judges. Four are from the Miss Louisiana system from all over the state, and the fifth is a novice from Natchitoches. The contestants are judged in interview, talent, evening gown and swimsuit categories. The winner receives $5,000 in scholarship money for the year of her reign and the runner-up receives some scholarship money as well.

"The pageant is more like a production than just a pageant," said Susanna Deshotel, assistant director of student activities. "It's a collaboration with the theater department, the Demon Dazzlers perform as well as the band and the men's choir."

Sarah Griffith is the chairman of the Lady of the Bracelet committee. She takes care of the judges and she recruited contestants. To recruit, several informational meetings were held as well as fliers put up and a workshop for those wanting to compete. Griffith has done television interviews and talked with other sororities and other groups that would have potential contestants.

"There are some new backdrops to give the pageant a different look. I've seen a lot of excitement in the girls. They're very anxious to compete," Griffith said.

Miss Lady of the Bracelet 1998, Rebecca Dauzat, helped potential contestants get started. She painted posters to help promote and helped with the workshop and informational meeting.

"I was so excited to win. I was in shock. It was an honor. The one piece of advice I would give the contestants is not to be nervous and be themselves. If you're yourself, you'll have a more positive attitude to win," said Dauzat.

"The girls have worked really hard and done a wonderful job. It takes a lot of guts to get up in front of a packed auditorium and perform," Deshotel said.

The history of the pageant dates back to the 1920s when the Potpourri, the University's yearbook, sponsored the first pageant.

The contestants were selected by submitting photographs to well-known producers for judging on their charm and beauty.

The name of the pageant started in 1958 when Kahne Dipola was crowned the first winner and was given a gold bracelet to wear when she represented the university in public appearances.

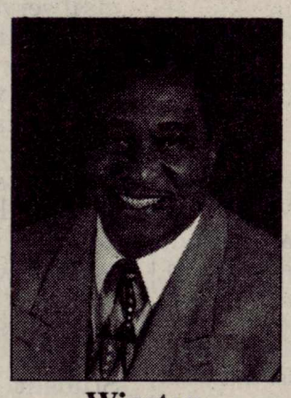
Each year the bracelet has been passed down to each winner with a new charm on it. The winners of the Lady of the Bracelet pageants have gone on to compete in the Miss Louisiana pageant since 1971.

File Photo
Previous LOB winners participated in last year's pageant, which marked its 40th anniversary. The SAB is preparing for this year's pageant on Jan. 28.

Winston takes sabbatical to pursue mayor's office

Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

A policy of honesty and fairness is what Democrat John Winston vows to bestow upon the mayoral position of the city of Natchitoches.



Winston

Winston, a native of Bossier City, has taken leave from his position as Vice President of University Affairs at Northwestern to pursue the position that he has desired for many years.

"I've been sure that I would eventually run for mayor for about four or five years now," said Winston.

He has much experience in the field of politics, serving as city councilman for the city of Natchitoches for twenty-three years.

Winston, who has been a resident of Natchitoches for over thirty-three years, pictured himself in area government while teaching social sciences at Natchitoches Central High School. He says that he has always hoped that one day this country would become completely colorblind and every man and woman could have a voice in government.

As far as Winston's campaign is going, he says there is many more people to reach in such a short amount of time. "I knew that if I had not taken a sabbatical from the University, there would be no way to have a successful campaign."

The workload of holding the Vice Presidency of University Affairs and running for a public office at the same time would be a horrific task.

The support from Winston's family and friends is obviously making the reality of the mayoral position seem even closer.

"My family and I were always in agreement that this is what I should do."

Winston, a father of four, believes that the city of Natchitoches is "ready to burst open with opportunity" within the next ten years.

He is convinced that government must first put education as top priority. Winston says that as mayor, he would work very closely with school board officials to make sure that education was getting the attention it deserves.

"Education is the key. . . once we've focused on giving the future of the community the best education they can have, the high unemployment rate, low wages, and other problems will melt away." Winston also reminds NSU students that they have a say-so in area politics.

"Northwestern students should get involved in Natchitoches affairs. . . they are part of the fabric of the community and should use their voices to speak out on issues that affect them."

One issue currently affecting the community is the question of whether power supplied to the town should be provided through CLECO or Lafayette Power. Winston believes that whatever the decision, once Natchitoches gets a working infrastructure, the city will be in excellent shape.

Campus Connections

News 22

News 22 talent and production students will meet at 4 p.m., Jan. 18, in Studio A . The first newscast is Jan 25. Anyone interested in working with News 22 needs to come by.

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. in the journalism conference room

Cheating: Cont'd from page 1

Serio said that teachers should include their policy on cheating in their syllabus to prevent any confusion about the consequences. Serio said that teachers only come to him when they need his authority as backing.

Serio said his personal policy is that any student caught cheating receives a "zero" on the assignment. However, students found guilty of cheating on a final exam will receive an automatic "F" in the course.

Serio said he has only handled a few instances of cheating although it may be more common.

Serio said he combats cheating by giving students as few opportunities to cheat as possible. Despite this, Serio said the problem of classroom overcrowding seems to make his policing of the matter difficult.

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Basketball Special Events	Wed. Jan. 26 @ 2-4pm
Basketball Jamboree	Thurs. Jan. 27 @ 6pm
8-ball Pool Tourney	Tues. Feb. 1 @ 6pm
IM Dart Tourney	Wed. Feb. 9 @ 5pm
Trivial Pursuit	Thurs. Feb. 10 @ 6pm
Softball Officials Clinic	Mon.-Tues. Feb. 28-29 @ 4pm
Softball Team Captain's Meeting	Wed. Feb. 29 @ 6pm
Homerun Derby	Wed. March 1 @ 3pm
Softball Jamboree	Thurs. March 2 @ 3pm
Bingo	Wed. March 22 @ 7:30pm
Bench Press Meet	Thurs. Apr. 6 @ 6pm
Team Tennis	Mon. Apr. 12 @ 3pm
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Arts & Entertainment

A&E News in Brief

Puff Daddy indicted

Combs

Mega-producer Sean Puffy Combs, who said that he was "100 percent innocent" of gun charges stemming from a Time Square club shooting, was indicted last week.

After two weeks of testimony, a grand jury charged Combs with criminal possession of a weapon in the second and third degree and for having two loaded 9mm guns in his vehicle. If convicted the rapper could get up to 15 years in prison.

No charges were filed against Puffy's singer/actress girlfriend Jennifer Lopez of anaconda fame.

Combs has hired Johnnie Cochran, who represented O.J. Simpson in his murder trail.

Combs has been free on a $10,000 bail since his arrest, and is due back in court on February 14.

Houston faces drug charges

Houston

Jennifer Lopez and Sean "Puffy" Combs are not the only "star-crossed" couple in a bit of legal trouble lately. Whitney Houston seems to be taking the lead from bad boy husband Bobby Brown.

According to a Hawaiian newspaper, Grammy winning superstar was found carrying marijuana at the Keahole-Kona International Airport. The industry-proclaimed diva managed to board the plane and flee before police could arrest her.

The bust happened last Tuesday when security guards at the airport asked Houston to open her bag. When the bag was opened officers found 15.2 grams of marijuana. They tried to detain her, but the musician boarded her United Airlines flight to San Francisco despite their request that she remain.

It was reported that the plane took off about 45 minutes before the police arrived.

The case has been turned over to the Hawaii County prosecutor's office, and it could be more than a month before formal charges are filed. This petty misdemeanor is punishable by up to 3 days in jail and a $1,000 fine.

Letterman health crisis nears end

Letterman

The usually hilarious talk show host David Letterman was as serious as a heart attack Thursday night in New York when he shocked his audience and guest Regis Philbin with his plans to undergo extensive heart test.

The 52-year-old host of CBS's the Late Show revealed that he had "very high cholesterol" and plans to consult doctors, due to his family's history of heart trouble. His father died of heart disease when he was in his 50s.

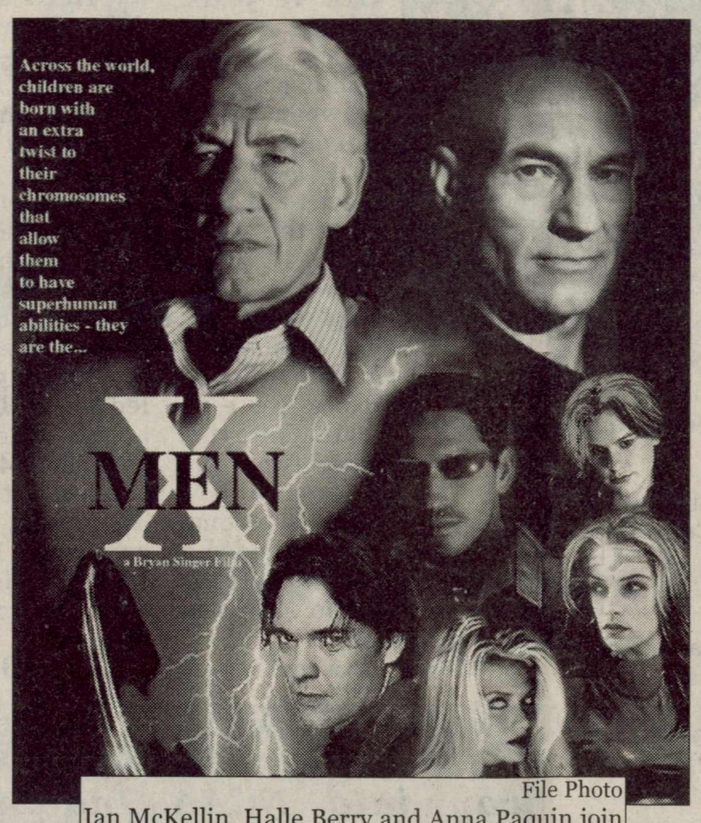
The late night talker had surgery Friday after an Angiogram showed one of Letterman's arteries was severely constricted.

He had an emergency quintuple bypass and an E-Z Pass was installed into his body.

Letterman received well wishes from President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Casting complete on X-men movie

Michael Phillips
Contributing Writer



File Photo
Ian McKellin, Halle Berry and Anna Paquin join Patrick Stewart and a cast of others in X-Men the motion picture.

Unless you've been dormant for the past four years you've heard the talk about companies wanting to make an X-Men motion picture. The dreams of the film have become a reality, because there is a movie adaptation of the classic comic book/Saturday morning cartoon show in the works from producers Richard Donner, Tom DeSanto and of course X-Men artist Stan Lee. Bryan Singer *(Apt Pupil)* gets the arduous task of directing the film and the responsibility of finding a cast that is both talented and that somewhat physically resembles the comic book characters. Many favorite X-Men characters are back and on the big screen. The cast list boasts actors from classic television series to Oscar favorites and promises to be more interesting than last summers box office flop Mystery Men.

The cast is lead by Star Trek star Patrick Stewart in the role of Professor Xavier. There didn't seem to be any doubt that Stewart would win this role, not only does he strongly resemble that character he is no stranger to the science fiction genre.

Oscar nominated actor Sir Ian McKellin (Gods and Monsters) will play Professor X's arch nemesis Eric Lensherr, who is better known as Magneto.

The wildly popular character Logan/Wolverine went to a virtually unknown actor. Hugh Jackman will tackle the part of the mutant clawed fan favorite character.

The cast also boasts Oscar winner Anna Paquin (the Piano) as the southern belle and often misunderstood mutant Rogue. This casting came as somewhat of a surprise being that Paquin is substantially younger than the character in the series.

Golden Globe nominee Halle Berry (Introducing Dorothy Dandridge) joins the cast as weather controlling mutant Storm.

The role of Toad was given to Ray Park. Movie-goers may recognize the name Ray Park as the devilishly smash Darth Maul, the hit character from Star Wars Episode I, The Phantom Menace.

Model and host of MTV's House of Style, Rebecca Romjin-Stamos will star as the vile shape-shifting villain Mystique.

Also joining the cast is James Marsden as Cyclops, Famke Jassen as Jean Grey, and wrestler, Tyler Mane as Sabertooth.

Also, originally Wolverine was cast as Dougray Scott, but his schedule conflicted with Mission Impossible II.

The story will revolve around the ferocious mutant know as Wolverine and his joining the uncanny X-Men while battling the evil mutant Magneto.

Shooting ends at February and then postproduction will begin. The release date for the tentatively titled "X-Men the Movie" is set for June 30th 2000.

Look for the television debut of the movie's trailer during the Super Bowl commercial fest. The theater trailer will hit theaters soon also.

Argus deadline nears, entries still being accepted

Elona Boggs
Contributing Writer

The final deadline for submitting entries to the *Argus*, the University's creative writing publication, will be January 28.

According to Wayne Burris, editor of the *Argus*, the 1999-2000 issue of the publications will be completed and available some time after midterms.

Burris said that all of the University's students are welcome to submit their creative writing or artwork for the publication. Burris added that thus far, there have been about 20 entries. He hopes that more students will take advantage of the publication opportunities that the *Argus* provides.

"It's a creative outlet on campus and it gives students the opportunity to have their writings published," Burris said.

The *Argus* is also accepting submissions of play writing. These submissions must be limited to one-act plays.

Those interested should contact Burris.

Stephen F. Austin to share art exhibit with University students

News Bureau

The landscape paintings of Peter Andrew, a faculty member at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, will be on display in the Closet Gallery of the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery at Northwestern State University through Jan. 28

The Andrew show will open the spring schedule of exhibits in the Hanchey Gallery located in the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts on NSU's Natchitoches campus.

Andrew holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Rhode Island School of Design and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Massachusetts. He is a professor of art at Stephen F. Austin where he has been on the faculty for 15 years.

Andrew's mixed media paintings combine pastels, oils and acrylics to depict the light and color qualities of mid-South locations along the Gulf Coast and inland.

His work has been on display at the Brazos River Festival and the Rockport (Texas) Art Festival and the Red River Revel where he won first place awards. Andrew has also taken part in the Fiesta at Laguna Gloria Museum in Austin, Mayfest in Fort Worth, the Austin Artists Harvest, the Island Art Fest in Galveston, the Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair in Kerrville and the Utah Arts Fest in Salt Lake City. His work has been shown at the Museum of American Illustration in New York, at the Salon de Mai, Mahatma Ghandi Institute in Moka Mauritius and in numerous one person and group shows throughout Texas and in Rhode Island, North Carolina, Missouri, New York, Massachusetts and Louisiana. Andrew is represented by galleries in Houston, Columbus, Ohio, Austin and Westwood, Mass.

The Closet Gallery is adjacent to the Upstairs Gallery on the second floor of the Hanchey Gallery. The Gallery is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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I swear that I have seen Sarah Michelle Gellar before *Buffy*. Where could I have seen her?

James Denton
Junior Journalism Major

Gellar

Chances are that you saw Gellar on the ABC daytime drama *All My Children*. She played the character of Kendell Hart on the show where she played the daughter of Erica Kane. The character of Erica is played by soap opera diva, Susan Lucci.

Gellar left the show in 1995.

The *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* star won an Emmy for the role of Kendell for best dramatic performance by a younger actress.

Rumors have been around the set of *All My Children* for years that Gellar would return for a guest appearance, but I wouldn't bet on it.

Gellar can also be seen in the films *I Know What You Did Last Summer, Cruel Intentions* and *SCREAM2*.

Are the Verve and the Verve Pipe the same group?

Wes Breeden
Sophomore Business Major

Vander Ark

This is a common question. No, the Verve and the Verve Pipe are different bands.

The Verve released the single "*Bitter-sweat Symphony*" that was used in Gatorade commercials and the soundtracks to several films.

The Verve Pipe had the hit single "*The Freshman.*" This single comes from their album *Villans.*

Although the Verve has not been seen lately, it has been reported that they are doing well in Europe, doing numerous shows in pubs and night clubs.

The Verve Pipe's frontman Brian Vander Ark was recently cast in the film "*Metal God*" with Mark Wahlberg of "*Boogie Nights.*"

The Verve Pipe has a now album titled simply *The Verve Pipe.*

SPORTS

University basketball rolls on in Southland Conference

Demon basketball reaches .500 mark in Southland Conference action

Cade Brumley with Kaleb Breaux

The Demons, who were looking to put an end to a three game skid, visited their 74 year rival Stephen F. Austin.

The Demons ended their losing streak with a 65-56 victory over the Lumberjacks.

Northwestern had a 33-29 halftime lead. Early in the second half, the Demons increased their lead by seven and never looked back.

Junior guard Alann Polk knocked down 5 of his first 6 shots and scored 14 points on the day.

The Thompson duo, forward Chris Thompson and center Charles Thompson, also added to the Northwestern victory. Both Chris and Charles scored 10 points.

SFA's Ron Banks led all scorers with 22 points.

The Demons also out-rebounded the Lumberjacks 34-21. Northwestern also shot 49 percent from the field.

The Demons improved their overall record to 5-8 and their conference record to 2-3.

"We didn't do the best job of decision-making in th final minute," head coach Mike McConathy said. "Fortunately we did enough good things in the first 39 minutes. It felt good to get on the right side of the score again."

On Saturday, the Demons played host to the Centenary Gentlemen.

NSU guard Alann Polk scored 18 Saturday afternoon as his team handled the Centenary Gentlemen 62-52 in "the barnyard" of Prather Coliseum.

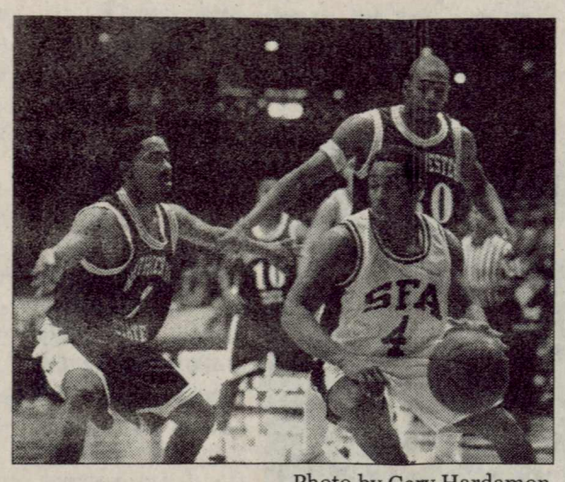


Photo by Gary Hardamon

NSU guard Ryan Duplessis and forward Kenton Fisher show that defense wins games as NSU rolls past SFA 65-56.

The game was a renewal of one of Louisiana's oldest active college basketball series, dating back 79 years. Going into meeting number 125 between the Demons and Gents, Centenary leads the series 71-53.

Last year, Centenary prevailed 73-70 in Shreveport. However, coming into this match-up, the Demons recently got some momentum, as they ended a three-game losing streak as they beat Stephen F. Austin last week 65-56.

"We've gotta get some easy buckets and take pressure off us offensively," McConathy said.

That's exactly what they did as they set an early tone for the game as the Thompson connection of Charles and Chris put up some early high percentage shots.

The Demons executed an uncharacteristic style of play as they ran through their offense and burned up the shot clock on almost every possession.

Junior guard Alann Polk led the Demons offense attack as he put in 18 points, to include 4 from behind the three-point line. Charles Thompson, who finished the game with 14, complimented Polk. Also, junior guard Josh Hancock dished out 6 assists.

The Gents were led offensively by the nations number 4 leading scorer, Ronnie McCollum with 21. He fell shy of his average of 23.2 points per game. On the season, McCollum is shooting 39 percent from the field.

"The defense spurred our offense," McConathy said.

The Demons combined to account for 11 steals and Chris Thompson blocked two Gent shots.

NSU was able to better their average on field goal percentage as they combined to shoot 5 percentage points over their average of 40 percent.

The Demons (6-8) overall will travel to the University of Louisiana at Monroe Monday evening to battle the Indians.

Lady Demons handed first conference loss by Stephen F. Austin

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

It was one of those games that didn't mean anything, but meant everything.

The NSU Lady Demons battled with SFA in a mid-season conference contest last Thursday night. And while the winner of that game by no means has the conference title locked up, they certainly have an edge in the confidence factor.

Basically, the Lady Demons have their work cut out for them.

The usually sure-shooting Lady Demons hit an uncharacteristically low 37 percent from the field and dropped their first conference game of the season to the Ladyjacks 76-67.

Not even a career-high 35 points, including seven three-pointers, by Judy Clark were enough to overcome a first half which the Lady Demons only hit seven of 29 shots.

"We didn't play well in the first half, and I don't know why," head coach James Smith said after the loss. "Anytime you hold us to 16 points in a half, you must be playing good defense."

NSU, the number seven-ranked three-point shooting team in the nation, knocked down just one three-pointer in the first half. Thirteen turnovers didn't help the Lady Demons, who now fall one game behind SFA in the conference standings.

The Lady Demons' big nemesis, Stephanie Whitmore, who once again had a great game against NSU. Whitmore was the leading scorer in the game for SFA with 19 points. Along with Whitmore, four other Ladyjack players reached double-digits in scoring. Shawnta Johnson and Tami Rater had big games inside the paint and scored 17 and 16 respectively.

"I thought with four seniors in the game we could handle anything, but in the first half we didn't do a good job on either side of the ball," Smith said. "I think we contributed to our own demise by pressing a little when the shots weren't falling and the breaks weren't going our way."

History has been very unkind to the Lady Demons in this rivalry. With last Thursday's loss, the Lady Demons are now 9-35 overall against SFA, including a 0-6 record against SFA in the conference tournament. The Ladyjacks are the only team in the conference to have a winning record against the Lady Demons.

The loss also broke NSU's 5-game winning streak while SFA has won eight straight.

Judy Clark's 35 points makes her the 9th leading scorer in NSU history, surpassing Pam Hudson and Teressa Thomas. Clark, for the season, is averaging 16.2 ppg.

Louise Chase added a double-double with 11 points and rebounds, and Kia Converse checked in with 10 points.

"This is just round one," Smith said. "We take this and plant seeds, and by the end of February and the beginning of March they'll have grown up pretty good."

In Saturday's non-conference match with the Centenary Ladies, Jennifer Price notched career high numbers in her first start of the season while blasting the 0-17 Ladies 87-41.

Price scored 20 points and had 11 assists and 7 steals in a game that saw eight Lady Demon reserves get playing time. Price also hit 10 of 12 free throws in the game. Jami Callais and Tweety Evens also scored career highs of 14 and 12.

The Centenary Ladies, in their first year of playing Division-I basketball, have still not won a game this year. They fall to 0-17. Centenary also committed a Prather Coliseum record of 45 turnovers.

It is also interesting to note that the 87-41 score was the same total the last time these two teams played each other. That game was played in Shreveport at Centenary.

"Basketball Times" ranks Northwestern basketball 90th in nation with fall recruiting class

Sports Information

A college basketball recruiting analyst ranks the first group of signees for new Northwestern State coach Mike McConathy among the nation's top 100 recruiting classes, ahead of those signed by UCLA, Stanford, Syracuse, Virginia and Providence, among others.

Writing in this month's edition of "Basketball Times," columnist Clark Francis ranked Northwestern's fall signees as the nation's No. 90 recruiting class, trailing only Tulane and LSU among state schools and best by a Southland Conference member.

The [illegible] by Francis were 6-2 point guard Michael Edwards of Rowlett (Texas) High School and two junior college transfers, 6-7 power forward Melvin Roberts from Northland (Ariz.) Pioneer and 6-3 shooting guard Kory Wilson of Hill College (Texas), the first three signees announced by McConathy.

The ranking did not include 6-11 D'Or Fisher of Upper Darby High School in Philadelphia, a late addition to the November signing class.

The ranking also did not factor in two transfers, 5-11 junior guard Michael Byars-Dawson and 6-6 sophomore forward Chris Lynch, who enrolled at NSU this fall and will be eligible to play next season.

Byars-Dawson, a former Fort Worth prep player of [illegible] transferred from Miami (Fla.). Lynch, from Cedar Hill, Texas, moved to NSU after starting six games last season at Cal-Santa Barbara.

"This is very nice recognition to be mentioned in the top 100, and ahead some of the premiere programs in college basketball," said McConathy.

"It's rewarding to have a very respected recruiting class coming in," said McConathy.

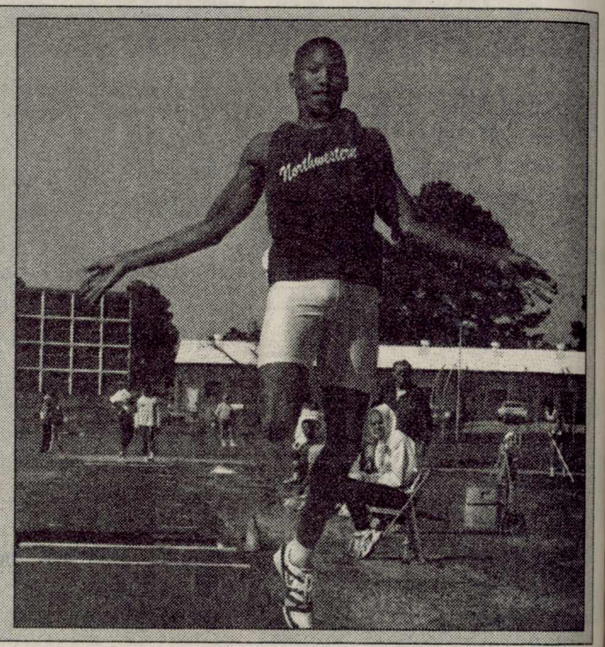
Francis, who for more than 20 years has run "HoopScoop," a recruiting information service heavily utilized by major college coaches, gave the nod to St. John's for the best November signing class.

Northwestern was among 10 schools tied for 90th with 7 points in the rating system.

No other Louisiana of Southland Conference schools were ranked among the 130 which Francis included in his listing.

NSU's Kenta Bell leaps his way into NCAA Indoor Championships in March

Senior track star Kenta Bell qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in March by leaping 53-7 1/2 in the triple jump last weekend at LSU. NSU's David Wolfe finished first in the 400m with a time of 50.11 and 2 miler Hector Andujo finished second with a time of 4:23.23. In women's action, Emily Norton (11:07.39) finished first in the 3000m while Crystal Munsinger (11:20.39) finished third. In the 200m, Kimberly Pouncy (25.31) finished second.



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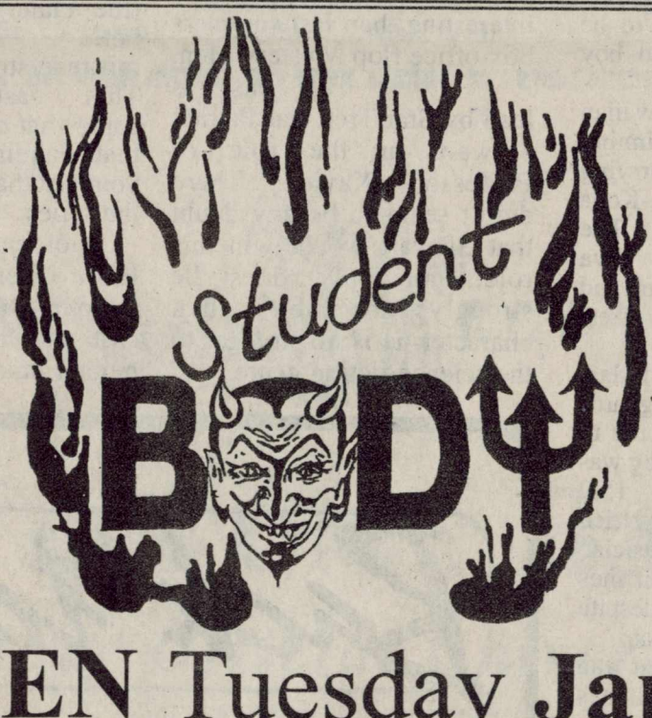

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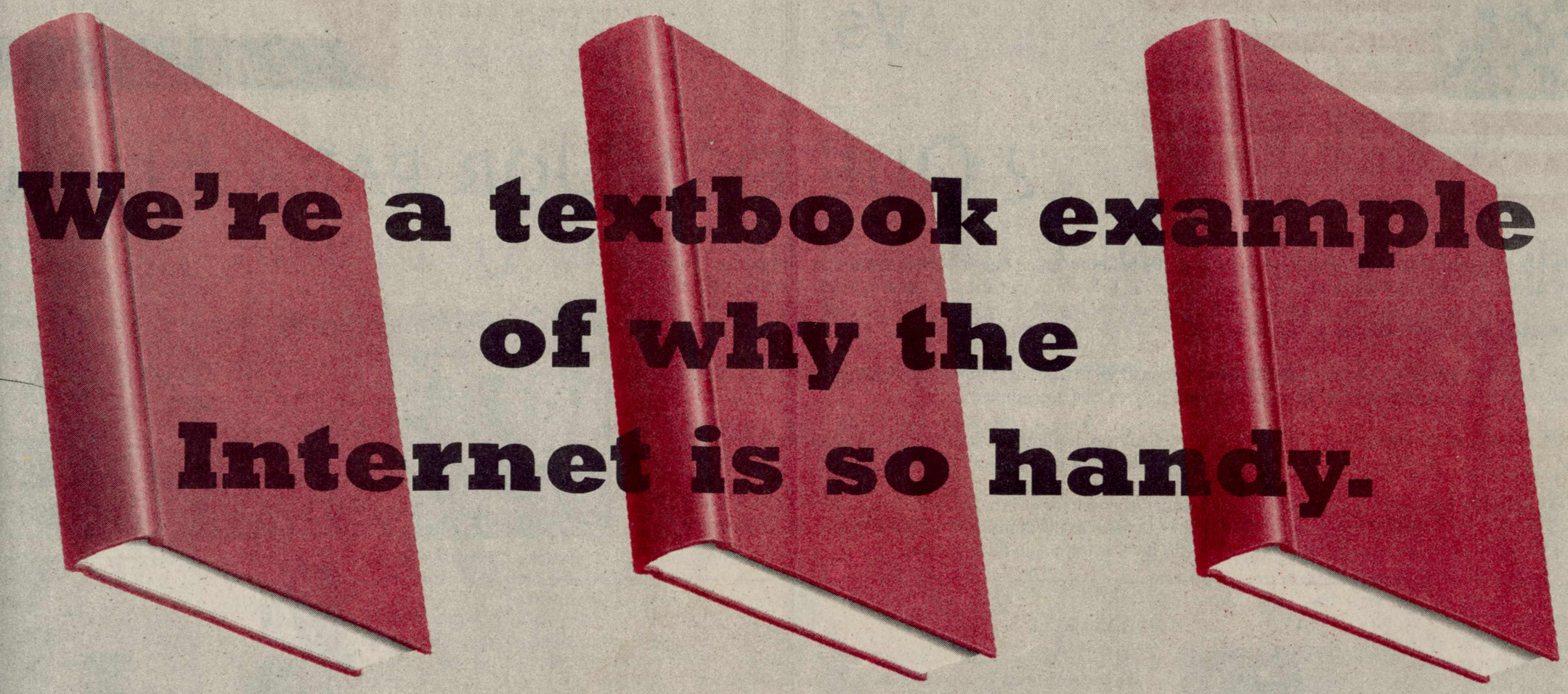

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Elian Gonzales, the six-year-old Cuban refugee, has become the purpose for thousands of protesters in both Cuba and the United States. While his story is endearing to many Americans, it is not unique.

Pedro Labori, a senior ad design major at the University and citizen of the U.S. since his early childhood, shares many of Elian's experiences.

Labori arrived in the U.S. at age six. He left Cuba in a sinking shrimping boat which ultimately had to be tugged to the U.S. by a commercial cruise ship. His father was able to make the trip with him. The Mariel boat lift in 1980, which freed Labori and his father was stopped by Cuba the day his mother was supposed to leave.

Besides his mother, Labori left behind a brother and his twin sisters. Last year, Labori was able to visit his mother for the first time in nearly 20 years. He returned last month to record the protests surrounding Elian.

While he does not want to give his opinion on the issue, he does see both sides of the argument. Whatever is decided should be done quickly, Labori said.

Labori provided all of the photos which are from his December visit to Miami and Cuba.

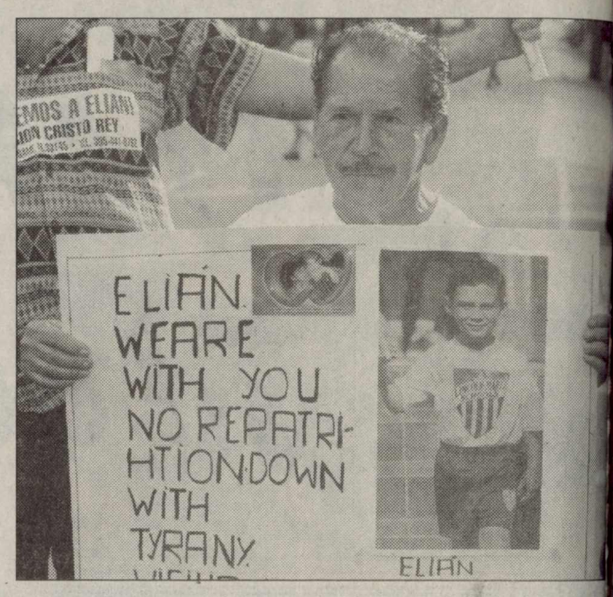
He does the work for his mother so that she knows her sacrifice was not made in vain.

TOP LEFT 1: A couple poses in Miami with their sign: **A DEAD MOTHER'S PLEA:** THIS IS NOT A TYPICAL CUSTODY CASE. City and state law enforcement officers, as the ones seen in the background, were present to maintain order.

TOP RIGHT: The Hispanic community in Miami joined hands in protests which blocked traffic and crippled many parts of the city.

TOP LEFT 2: By evening, riot police began to close in on the protesters as the crowds swelled in size and threatened an NBA game and traffic to and from the port.

RIGHT: The Cubans of Miami feel a connection to the little boy who through his mother's sacrifice has been given a chance to escape the tyranny of Cuba.



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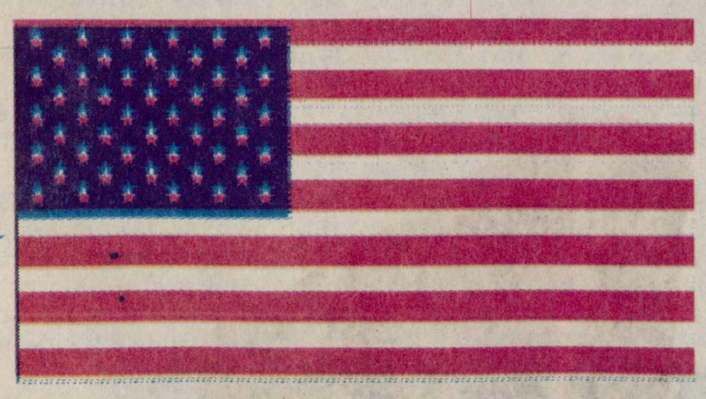

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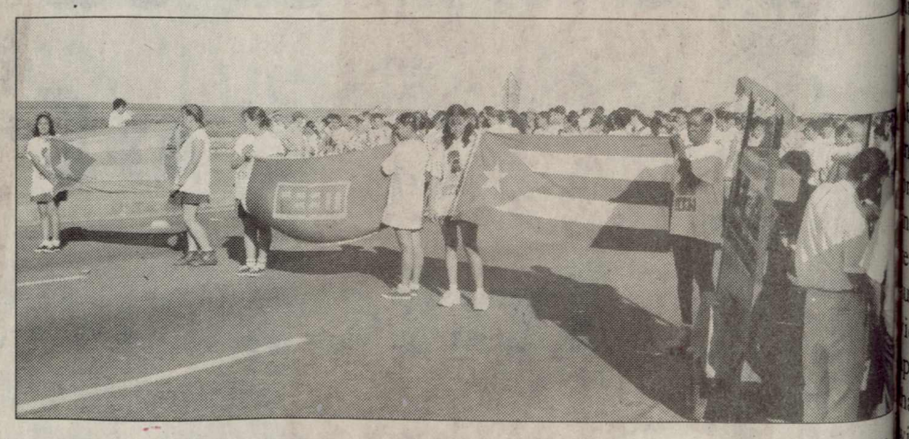
¿QUE ES MEJOR PARA ELIAN?

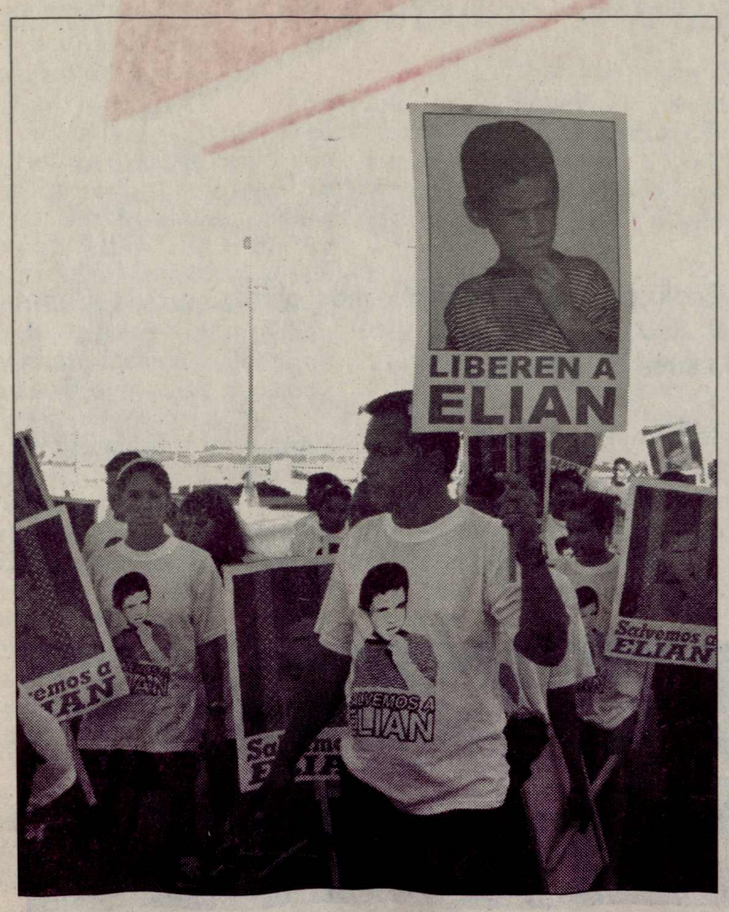
RIGHT: A large group of Cuban elementary school students held the Cuban flag and other banners as they marched in the streets of Havana toward the Swiss Embassy, which houses the U.S. office. Cubans of all ages have spent weeks protesting the United States' delay in returning Elian Gonzales, the 6-year-old boy who was rescued off the coast of Florida when he and his mother tried to flee Cuba around Thanksgiving.

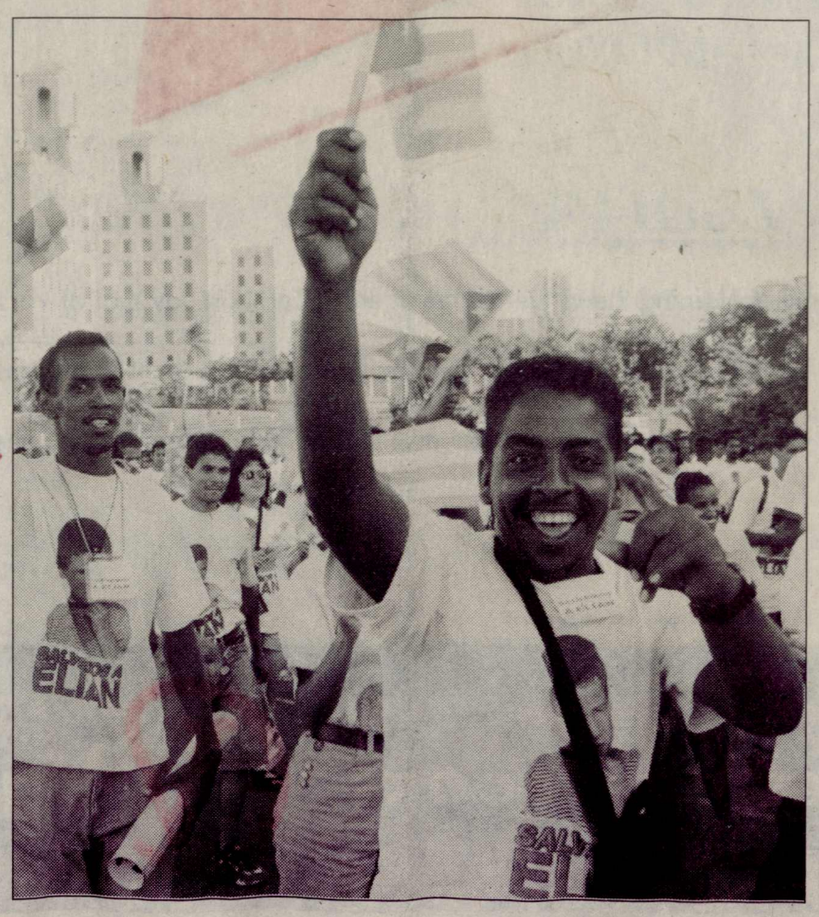
BOTTOM LEFT: A group of Cuban college students demonstrate in front of the Swiss Embassy, which houses the U.S. office. Students were demanding Elian be returned to his native Cuba immediately.

BOTTOM MIDDLE: Another group of Cuban college students are heading toward the Swiss Embassy in Havana on behalf of Elian's return to Cuba. Students are waving Cuban flags and wearing T-shirts bearing Elian's picture.

BOTTOM RIGHT: A group of Cuban middle school students march toward the Swiss Embassy in Havana to voice their opinion in favor of the United States sending Elian back to Cuba to live with his father. Different groups of Cubans, including students, parents and union workers, took turns demonstrating on Elian's behalf.







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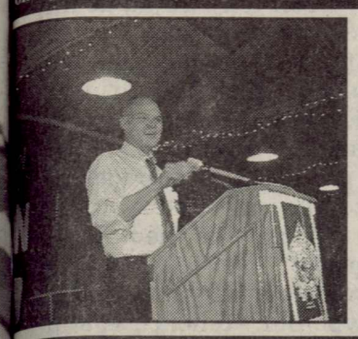

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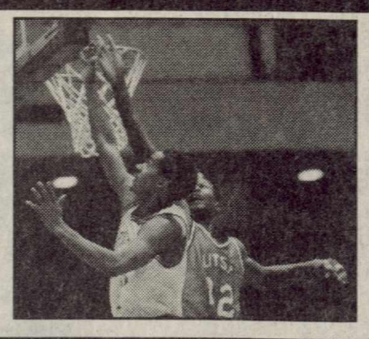

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Around the World

Breaux speaks out against Elian Gonzales legislation.

Washington - Sen. John Breaux (D-La.) issued the following statement opposing legislation introduced Monday by Sen. Connie Mack (R-Fla.) that would make the Cuban boy, Elian Gonzales, a United States citizen:

"The primary concern of the Immigration and Naturalization Service is that of the child, as in the case of any unaccompanied minor who arrives on U.S. shores. After careful evaluation of the relevant facts and law, the INS determined on Jan, 5, 2000, that Mr. Juan Gonzales, his natural father, has the sole legal authority to speak on behalf of his son regarding Elian's immigration status in the United States.

The INS reached its decision regarding Elian by following established procedures governing the rights of children found outside the protection of their own governments. Both U.S. and international law recognize the unique relationship between parent and child, and family reunification has long been a cornerstone of both American immigration law and INS practice.

While I understand some people's concerns about life in Cuba, the best interests of Elian must take precedence over political interests. After a deliberate review of the law and facts surrounding the case, in my view, the INS acted appropriately in concluding that Elian should be reunited with his father and both grandparents.

Rest assured I will closely monitor the case in the coming weeks when the Senate debates a resolution regarding possible citizenship for Elian Gonzales."

NASA Clears Endeavor for Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.- NASA has cleared space shuttle Endeavor for liftoff next Monday following an extensive review of the ship's thermal tiles.

Engineers spent the past week checking paperwork to make sure the tiles were installed properly on Endeavor.

Photo by Heath Crawford

Entertainment director, Ed Brazo, explains choreography to the Lady of the Bracelet Contestants Monday night. There are seven entrants in all with the winner going on to compete in the Miss Louisiana Pageant in Monroe.

Seven compete in LOB 2000

Winner to compete in Miss Louisiana pageant

Sauce Staff

Seven Northwestern State University students will compete in the 41st Annual Miss Northwestern - Lady of the Bracelet Pageant Friday at 7 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The pageant, sponsored by NSU's Student Activities Board, is an official Miss America preliminary pageant.

The winner will compete in the Miss Louisiana Pageant this summer in Monroe. The pageant is among the top preliminary pageants in the state. Admission is $5 and free for NSU and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts students.

Contestants are: Lakesha Nichole Harris of Grand Prairie, Texas, Shelli Suzette Briery of Vivian, Kimberly Michelle Jones of Spring, Texas, Sabrina Plaisance of Morgan City, Amber Rose Rhyne of Macon, Ga., Courtney Payne of Covington and Amanda Kristine Warnock of Wills Point, Texas.

See page 3 for a closer look at each contestant

Welfare to Work program gives "hats off" to participants

Sauce Staff

The Northwestern Works/Welfare to Work program at Northwestern State University will honor participants who are well on their way to success with a "Hats Off" celebration Friday at 11 a.m. at the Ryder Inn in Natchitoches.

The program will honor 10 former participants from Natchitoches, Sabine and Red River parishes who have been successfully employed for one year.

These individuals have been working at ConAgra, ARAMARK, Kentucky Fried Chicken in Natchitoches and Holloway Sportswear in Many.

"Being on the job for one year is an important milestone that deserves to be honored," Emma Lewis, acting coordinator of NSU's Welfare to Work Program said. "Each person has learned how to be part of the work force and deal with the challenges they face. We want to encourage them to continue and go on to greater accomplishments."

The Northwestern Works/Welfare to Work program is funded with a grant from the Coordinating and Development Corporation of Shreveport and operates in Natchitoches, Sabine and Red River parishes.

Under "Northwestern Works," education, business, government and community agencies are linked together in a way which will utilize available resources most effectively.

The program focuses on welfare recipients with 30 or more months of receipt or who face termination from assistance within 12 months and face specified labor market deficiencies (lack of a high school diploma or GED and low reading/math skills; require substance abuse treatment or have little or no job history.)

The plan also targets individuals who have characteristics associated with long-term welfare dependence such as school dropout, teen pregnancy or poor work history and are recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The Office of Family Support will identify "hard to employ" TANF recipients and refer them to the appropriate services.

In the program, they are provided with job readiness training, placement assistance along with retention and support services.

Northwestern's program began operation July 1, 1998.

Junior Day first of successful recruitment programs

Admissions and Recruiting Office working overtime to attract new students

Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

Approximately 180 juniors visited the University on Saturday, and for Northwestern recruitment, it's only the beginning.

The University works hard at getting recruits and keeping them.

The University begins building interest early by hosting Junior Day, which took place last Saturday.

"Many of the better students will start making their decisions about college at their junior year," Jana Lucky, admissions and recruiting director said. "We need to offer something especially for juniors where we can bring them to the campus and not have to take off of school."

Since 1993, Junior Day has been offered at Northwestern. The University is still the only school in the state that offers such a program, according to Lucky.

Junior Day is one of the most successful recruiting tools. Lucky says that around 60 percent of those students from Junior Day enroll in the University. The majority of the students also return to senior day.

Senior days are even larger recruiting tools.. Lucky said 1200 attended last fall's Senior Day.

Junior Day is smaller, but offers more personalized attention. It is at Fall Senior Day where high school students tour the campus, eat lunch, visit all the academic departments and organizations as well as attend a football game.

"I'm not sure other universities have that much support from all the different departments," Lucky said.

These senior days are also very successful in recruiting new students. The state and national trends for visitation days reveal that the students who actually attend the University are just below five percent.

A spring senior day is also offered to high school seniors. Here, the seniors who are very serious about attending the University have the opportunity to participate in Credit Connection. Credit Connection is offered through the admissions office and the testing center.

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> **Jana Lucky, Director**
> **Admissions and Recruiting**

The high school students may come and take advanced placement tests for college credit. Lucky says about 68 percent of those students who visit during Spring Senior Day will actually enroll.

Lucky also said that last year the number of high school applicants rose significantly.

"The numbers were stronger than they ever have been," Lucky said.

She said that with this jump in applicants the enrollment ratio was in the 40th percentile. She said the University's goal for this year is to bring that percentage up even higher.

"We were one of the only universities in the state to have such a record enrollment," she said. "We had the highest percentage increase in the state."

Lucky says the University's recruiters go above and beyond to get new students.

"We at Northwestern have a philosophy that if we can get them to our campus, we have a real good shot at getting them here at Northwestern," Lucky said.

In the Fall semester, the recruiters focus primarily on going out to all the high schools in the state. They concentrate on the schools within the state by doing presentations and distributing information.

The recruiters also have to fill up their prospect database during this time. Not only do they recruit many students, but they work on getting scholarship applicants to send in their forms by December 1.

During the Spring semester, the recruiters spend one night a week phoning their prospective students. They must write out personalized postcards every morning as well as doing mass mail-outs.

A new program for the recruiters is using e-mail to reach new recruits. The recruiters input the e-mail addresses of students into parish by parish categories. Then on a monthly basis the recruiter can e-mail an entire group of possible students.

By the end of the Spring semester, the job of the recruiting office is to make sure new students attend Freshman Connection. According to Reatha Cox,director of new student programs, 1174 new students attended Freshman Connection last summer and only 52 did not enroll.

The admissions office uses the list of those who attend Freshman Connection and of those who attend the visitation days to get the percentage of students who come back to the University. This way, the admissions office judges which programs are successful.

New advisers appointed to student media

Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

It's the start of a new semester and a new semester filled with a few more changes in the Journalism department.

After 30 years teaching in the journalism department, Tommy Whitehead retired in December, leaving a few more responsibilities for journalism professors Neil Ralston and Mary Brocato.

"Tommy left some very big shoes to fill and I'm not sure I can fill them," Ralston said. "In fact, I know I can't fill them the same way he could, but we're going to try to continue improving the newspaper and building on the success in the past and having successes of our own."

Bracato

"I'm overwhelmed," Brocato said. "When somebody is as good as Tommy Whitehead is and as talented and experienced, those are big shoes to fill and I am learning as I go."

Both Ralston and Brocato come to the University with plenty of experience to fill the shoes left by Whitehead.

Before coming to the University, Ralston taught at Truman State University in Missouri and he also wrote for the San Antonio Light newspaper.

Brocato worked in television news, and she was also a press secretary for a Louisiana governor. She then produced documentary films and she was a director of communications for a bank. Prior to teaching at the University, she was an english teacher in Many for 12 years.

The two have been assigned new journalism students to advise.

"My approach to advising pretty much is just that these are decisions that are going to affect them," Ralston said. "I let them make their own decisions. I let them know my concerns and the repercussions of their actions."

Brocato says that advising is like problem solving.

"I am going to take all the time I need and the time the students need to get the best schedule for that student."

Brocato is very pleased with the University's journalism department and has seen many positive changes since joining the department last August.

Ralston

"This semester we have some great adjunct professors that are extremely well qualified to teach the courses," Brocato said. "I just would like to see the department continue to change in a positive direction and I think we are already doing that."

One of Ralston's new duties for the semester is advising the Current Sauce.

Not only would he like to see more students involved in student media, but he would also like to see the Current Sauce respond to its audience more.

"I think the paper needs to be a little bit more responsive to the audiences needs," Ralston said. "First we need to figure out exactly who our audience is and we have a pretty good idea, but I'd like to see those ideas refined and most of all I think the paper needs more organization."

Ralston was not the only one with a few new duties. Brocato is now the new advisor for the Potpourri, the University's yearbook. She is looking forward to providing a great yearbook.

Campus Connections

Aerobics Classes

Monday - Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. with Tasha Preylo. Tuesday - Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Kristy McDaniel. Come by the IM for details.

Basketball Team

Come enjoy the 2nd annual Demon Basketball Gumbo Cookoff before the NSU v.s Southeastern game. Gametime is 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27. Serving starts at 5 p.m. See the Demons and have some free gumbo and tea on us.

Club Soccer

NSU Men's Club Soccer team is looking for people who are interested in playing in the spring semester. No previous experience is necessary. We welcome everyone. Practices are held behind Watson Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:45 p.m., and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Coach Jim Kilcoyne 352-5888, or Cesar Isaitt 354-6483. Come out and play.

Health and Human Performance Club

There will be a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 26, at noon in Room 123 of the P.E. Majors Building. Anyone interested in joining may come to the meeting.

KNWD

If anyone is interested in being a DJ it's not to late to sign up. If interested stop by the station and talk to Manny or Josh.

Phi Mu Fraternity

We have lots of activities planned for this week so be sure to attend. Bible study will be Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., sisterhood is bowling at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Don't forget to support your sisters selling CMN balloons on Thursday night. Just a reminder, the chapter development meeting has been moved to Monday at 8 p.m. due to Superbowl Sunday. Have a great week.

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. in the journalism conference room

Watson Library reaches out through internet

Watson Library is bringing lessons on using the library to Northwestern State University in a different manner this semester.

Beginning Jan. 31, a series of quick instructional lessons for using the library will be e-mailed to everyone with an Internet account through Northwestern.

A message will be delivered each Monday for six weeks, through March 6, outlining what information is available in the library and how to find that information.

Each message covers a different topic and is approximately two pages in length. The messages will teach students how to search the on-line catalog, electronic databases and the Internet — basic skills which will save time during research projects. Other lessons will include fundamental library information, scholarly vs. popular journals and locating subject-specific sources.

Dr. Ada Jarred, Watson Library director, said the electronic format of the messages "gives students the opportunity to learn about the library at a time that is convenient for them."

The messages will be sent to campus e-mail addresses. Anyone wishing for their messages to be sent to an alternate e-mail address should e-mail Jeff Tomlinson, reference/library instruction librarian, at jefft10@yahoo.com and specify their e-mail account of choice.

The instructional messages will also be available through the library's web page at www.nsula.edu/watson_library/index.html.

McCullen promises to improve University, Natchitoches

Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

The 2000 mayoral campaign is 'going great' according to candidate Wayne McCullen, an anesthesiologist and city council pro-tempre for over 20 years.

McCullen is now concentrating on getting University students to believe he is the right man for the job.

"With the thousands at Northwestern, it's obvious that the way its students vote will have a major outcome on the election," McCullen said.

McCullen, a registered Democrat and father of three, said he is proud to be an NSU alumnus and a huge fan of Demon athletics.

By acknowledging this, McCullen is making it public knowledge that he plans to improve the school by improving scenery around campus.

"College Avenue is the front to do the University and should give people a good first impression about our campus," McCullen said.

Along with other work along the Avenue, McCullen wants to landscape the area.

"I want to show a lot of civic and Northwestern pride," McCullen said.

McCullen also realizes the progress that the city should make within the next 10 years.

"East Natchitoches residents should plan to get up early, though," McCullen said.

He believes that the Keyser Bridge expansion will make major improvements to the city when completed, but will be somewhat of an obstacle in the 18 months that it will take to be completed.

"Residents should expect a lot of construction and heavy traffic," McCullen said.

Along with a possible new bridge aligning St. Clair and Church Streets, major developments will make the traffic flow of the city improve greatly.

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Students welcome new computer system to campus

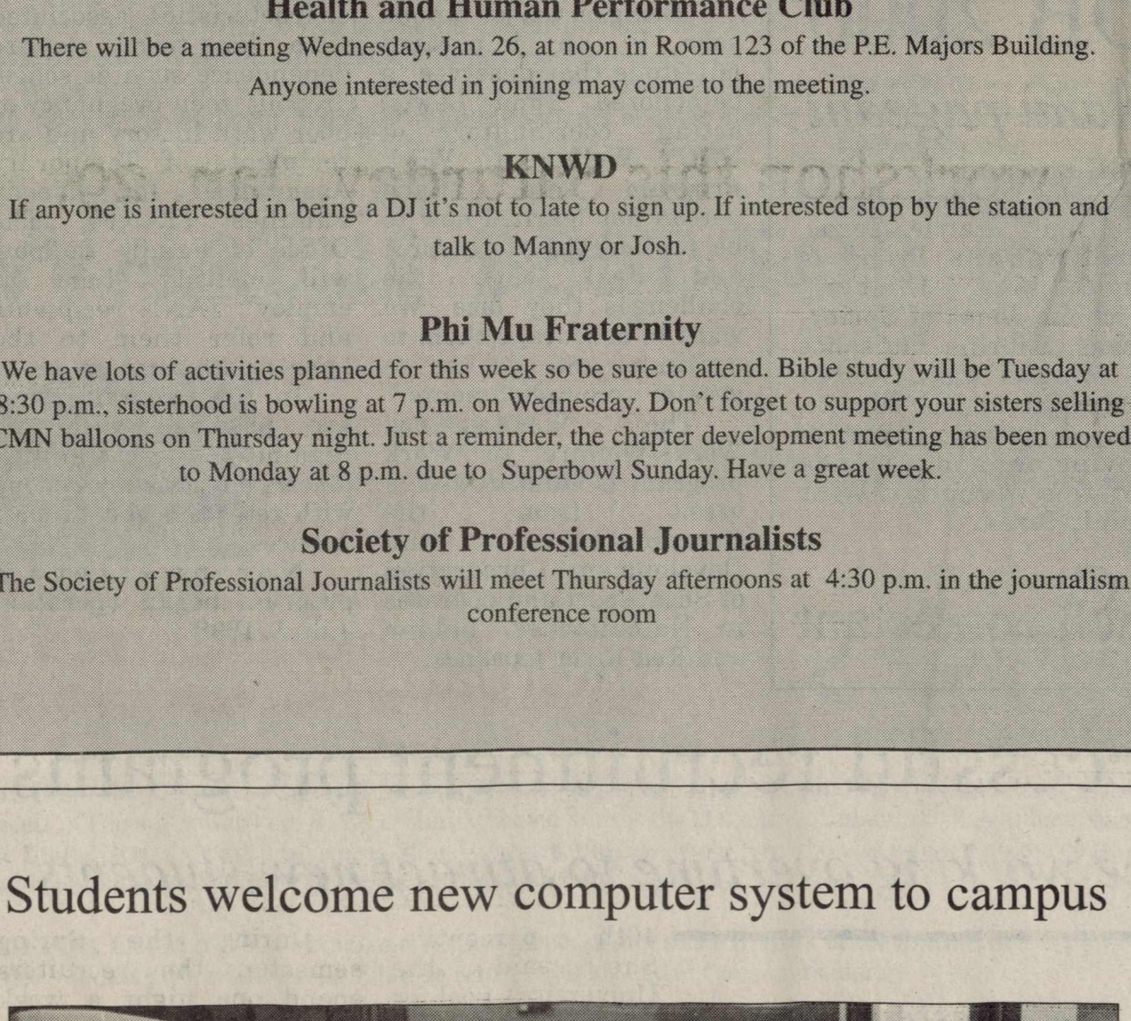

Photo by Gary Hardamon

NSU student workers James King (background) and Mary Frances James navigate their computers in the Watson Library computer lab Monday as they learn about Campus Pipeline, the University's latest technology. The University was one of the first 10 U.S. colleges and universities to obtain Campus Pipeline, which provides students with on-line shopping, registration and research capabilities. The technology was officially made available to the campus Monday. Campus Pipeline officials were at the University Monday to teach students how the technology can be used. Officials also plan to visit the University's satellite campuses in Alexandria, Leesville and Shreveport.

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News

LOB 2000 Contestants

Shelli Briery
Vivian, La.

Briery is a sophomore journalism major with an emphasis in broadcast. A graduate of North Caddo Magnet High School, she is the daughter of Leonard and Suzie Briery.

She is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists, International Society of Radio and Television, the Baptist Student Union and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Her platform issue is "Who You Are Today Will Make You Who You Are Tomorrow."

Lakesha Harris
Grand Prarie, Tx.

Harris is the daughter of Vernon and Leah Harris. She is a sophomore psychology and music performance major in the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU.

Harris is a graduate of Arlington High School. She is a member of the Natchitoches - Northwestern Symphony Orchestra, the Psychology Club and Alpha Lambda Delta. Harris has been a Dean's List student. Her platform issue is eating disorder awareness.

Kimberly Jones
Spring, Tx.

Jones is a junior liberal arts major. She is the daughter of Greg and Dorothy Jones. A graduate of Klein High School, she is a Dean's List student and member of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Jones received both an orchestra and choral scholarship from Northwestern. Her platform issue is the development of a complete fine and performing arts education throughout a child's public school career.

Courtney Payne
Covington, La.

Payne is a senior advertising design major from Covington. She is the daughter of Robert and Joan Payne. She is a graduate of Meridian (Miss.) High School.

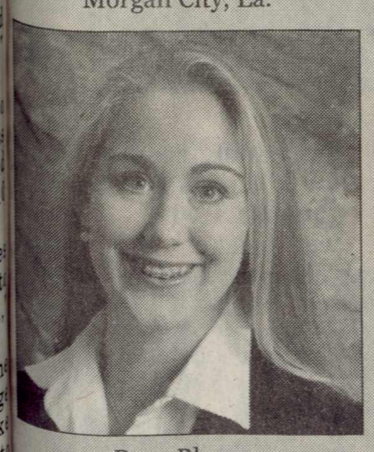
Payne is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. She is a Dean's List student. Payne is a photographer for the NSU yearbook, Potpourri, and was the first place winner in a statewide fashion merchandising competition. Her platform issue is "Recognizing the Value of Individual Volunteer Efforts."

Sabrina Plaisance
Morgan City, La.

Plaisance is the daughter of Edmond and Lynn Plaisance. She is a junior theater major. Plaisance is a graduate of Morgan City High School.

A President's List student, she is a member of Mu Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies. Plaisance is active in the NSU Theater and has had lead roles in three musicals.

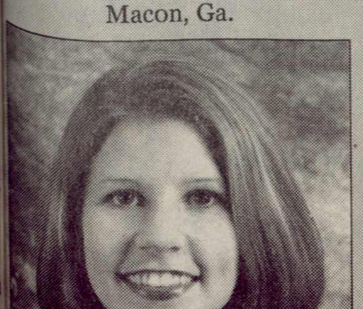
She was also a top 10 finisher at last year's Miss Louisiana Pageant. Her platform issue is "Educating Children about Important Issues through Entertainment."



Rose Rhyne
Macon, Ga.

Rhyne is a freshman theater major. She is the daughter of Tony and Cindy Rhyne. A graduate of Southwest High School, Rhyne was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She was chosen as the 1999 Cherry Blossom Princess, 1997 Teen Miss Macon and was among a group of twirlers chosen to perform in Peru in 1998. Her platform issue is promoting women's self-confidence through self defense.



Amanda Warnock
Willis Point, Tx.

Warnock is the daughter of David and Karen Warnock. She is a graduate of Wills Point High School. Warnock is a junior criminal justice major.

She has received numerous twirling awards and was a twirler at Kilgore Junior College for two years. Warnock performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in 1998 and held the title of Miss Van Zandt County in 1997.

Her platform issue is Special Olympics

Coutee selected to coordinate Baton Rouge area fund-raising

News Bureau

Ellis Coutee of Baton Rouge has been selected to head a Baton Rouge area fund-raising drive for the NSU Foundation at Northwestern State University.

The drive is scheduled to begin later this year with the goal of raising $100,000 for scholarships at NSU to benefit students from the Baton Rouge area.

"Volunteering is fun to me. I am constantly looking to do meaningful work with measurable results," said Coutee, who earned a bachelor's degree in business from Northwestern in 1960. "Assisting Northwestern State University in one of its first projects for the new millennium is a perfect opportunity for me to give something back to an institution that afforded and gave me so much."

An enrolled agent with 40 years experience, Coutee is a partner in the firm of Coutee and Coutee Tax Consultants. He has a general tax practice with emphasis in tax representations on audits, appeals, litigation and estate tax returns.

> ***"The University gave me much more than a quality education. The atmosphere and environment of Northwestern prepared me for a successful business career."***
>
> Ellis Coutee
> Baton Rouge

Last year, Coutee and his wife Juanita established an endowed scholarship at Northwestern.

"Students from the metropolitan Baton Rouge area are no different than those from other parts of our state. Many need scholarships to assist them as they pursue their degrees," said Coutee. "I like to think I'm planting seeds and nurturing seeds for young entrepreneurs and professionals by exposing them to an excellent education opportunity pursued in a family-like atmosphere."

Coutee says his continued involvement with Northwestern is one way of repaying a debt to the university.

"The University gave me much more than a quality education. The atmosphere and environment of Northwestern prepared me for a successful business career," he said. "The community and its people added a positive influence in my life which fostered hard work, good business ethics, the value and importance of honesty and superior leadership skills. I worked the entire four years of my college career."

Proceeds of the drive will be used to create permanent, endowed scholarships. Once the scholarships are set up, specific criteria will be established.

Anyone interested in working with *The Current Sauce*, as a writer, ad sales, layout, photography or anything else needs to come by a workshop this Saturday, Jan. 29, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the NSU Rec Center.

The center is located on the Highway One by-pass, past Natchitoches Central High School on the right side of the road.

Intramurals & Recreational Sports:

SPRING 2000 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Basketball Officials Clinic	Tues.-Thurs. Jan. 18-20 @ 6pm
Basketball Team Captain's Meeting	Wed. Jan. 19 @ 6pm (Rm. 114)
Basketball Special Events	Wed. Jan. 26 @ 2-4pm
Basketball Jamboree	Thurs. Jan. 27 @ 6pm
8-ball Pool Tourney	Tues. Feb. 1 @ 6pm
IM Dart Tourney	Wed. Feb. 9 @ 5pm
Trivial Pursuit	Thurs. Feb. 10 @ 6pm
Softball Officials Clinic	Mon.-Tues. Feb. 28-29 @ 4pm
Softball Team Captain's Meeting	Wed. Feb. 29 @ 6pm
Homerun Derby	Wed. March 1 @ 3pm
Softball Jamboree	Thurs. March 2 @ 3pm
Bingo	Wed. March 22 @ 7:30pm
Bench Press Meet	Thurs. Apr. 6 @ 6pm
Team Tennis	Mon. Apr. 12 @ 3pm
Swim Meet	Tues. Apr. 25 @ 3pm
Team Golf	Wed. Apr. 26 @ 2pm

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FEATURES

My Side

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
Features Editor

Last week, *The Current Sauce* ran a brief on the front page that truly disturbed me. The brief appeared as follows:

COLUMBIA, S.C. "With signs reading 'Your heritage is my slavery,' thousands of people marched yesterday to protest the Confederate flag that flies above the State house and demand a permanent state holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
King's son, Martin Luther King III, opened the day with a prayer breakfast at the University of South Carolina.
'This is the kind of thing we need to be doing on Martin Luther King's birthday,' King said. 'The flag is a terrible symbol that brings a lot of negative energy."

Regardless how many times I hear negative references to the Confederate flag, I still become incensed.

I do not claim to understand the ills suffered over a century ago by African Americans, nor do I claim to understand the problems they suffer today.

Nevertheless, I do claim to have a deep respect, and yes, even a love for a symbol that my ancestors fought and bled valiantly to preserve.

Unfortunately since the Civil War, the Confederate flag has become an icon of hatred used by Neo-Nazi and white-supremacist organizations. When I see a Confederate flag emblazoned on the arm of one of their supporters, I become disgusted at what a once beautiful symbol has become.

To the majority of Southerners, the Confederate flag does not stand for pro-slavery, nor does it represent racism.

The flag, just like the American flag flown over millions of homes, businesses and military bases nation-wide, represents pride and a certain respect for those who lost their lives to protect it.

Folks, the truth is that the Civil War had as little to do with slavery as the Elian Gonzales controversy has to do with bringing that child home.

Historically speaking, the Civil War began in protest of an all-powerful federal government attempting to subdue states rights. In a nutshell, the South, mainly an agricultural society was forced to trade with the North, an industrial society, or pay high tariffs as a penalty.

In truth, most southerners did not own slaves, and, in fact, struggled to maintain their own existence.

Another interesting fact: Several miles from NSU is Melrose Plantation that, believe it or not, was owned by African-Americans during the Civil War.

Another relatively unknown fact is that many African-Americans fought for the Confederacy, alongside whites, while northerners forced blacks into their own regiments.

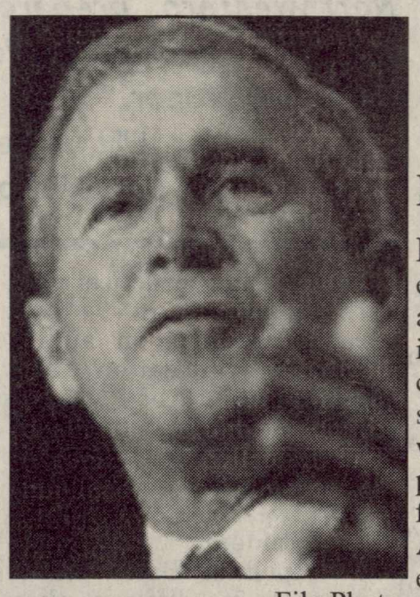
Because of a few very public organizations who have chosen to exploit the Confederate flag, the rest of us are forced to defend our heritage, and consequentially, the Confederate flag.

The Confederate flag does not raise feelings of hatred towards other men when I look upon it. Instead, I am filled with gratitude for my ancestors who bravely died fighting for their beliefs.

College Convention 2000

Two weeks ago, Student Government President Shawn Hornsby and Senate Chair Earl Gates attended the annual College Convention in Manchester N.H. The convention directly precedes the New Hampshire caucus, set for this week.

Candidates are invited to attend the convention and present their views on all issues to high school and college students from across the nation.



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Republican candidate Gov. George W. Bush

Issues:

Education: Supports expanding education savings accounts for parents to increase their annual contributions from $500 per student to $5,000 and withdraw funds tax free to pay for education expenses from kindergarten to college.
Abortion: Pro life with exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother.
Euthanasia: Opposes doctor assisted suicide, believes the role of a doctor is to relieve pain and suffering, not to end life.
Same Sex Marriage: Opposes same sex marriage.
Gun Legislation: Supports stronger enforcement of existing gun laws, would provide more funding for aggressive gun law enforcement programs such as Project Exile in Richmond, Virginia.
Affirmative Action: Opposes quotas and racial preferences. Supports affirmative "access" to open the doors of opportunity through programs such as the Texas 10 percent plan, where those who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class are automatically admitted to any state college or university.
Source: Gov. George W. Bush's official web-site.

Shawn:
"I was very disappointed that he did not show. In all of his campaigns, he seems robotic and repetitive of mainstream Republican ideas."

Earl:
"Bush has the very basic Republican approach, but you have to respect his ability to get things done in a big government. I don't agree with his ideas of building our defense. But, I do think that, if he does become President, he will definitely bring power back to this office. I think he's a slave to his own campaign. H didn't come to this convention because he didn't get money from it."

photo by Shawn Hornsby
Florida Governor Jeb Bush answers questions after speaking for his brother at the College Convention.

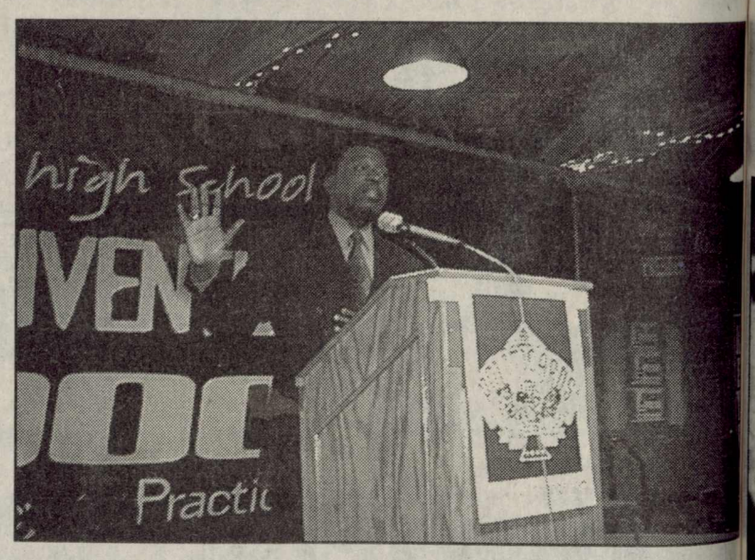
Republican Candidate Ambassador Alan Keyes

Issues:

Affirmative Action: "...Preferential affirmative action patronizes American blacks, women, and others by presuming that they cannot succeed on their own. Preferential affirmative action does not advance civil rights in this country. In 1996, the voters of California adopted a simple and fair prohibition of preferences and repeated the principle of non-discrimination. The Federal government should follow California's lead immediately."
Abortion: "Medical procedures resulting in the death of an unborn child, except as a collateral and unintended consequence of efforts to save the mother's physical life, are ... impermissible."
School Choice: "I strongly favor school choice approaches that empower parents to send their children to schools that reflect the parents' faith and values... We not only need prayer in schools, we need schools that are in the hands of people who pray. Above all, we must break the government monopoly on public education."
Health Care: "For those who have already been reduced to dependence on federal money to meet their health needs, a shift to health insurance vouchers would be consistent with this principle as an interim step toward federal disengagement from the provision of health care."
Second Amendment Rights: "I am a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment. It is people that kill people, and they can use countless kinds of weapons to do so, if killing is in their hearts. Advocates of banning guns substitute things for people, but this approach won't wash."
School prayer: "As President, I would do everything in my power, through public speeches and persuasion ... by careful scrutiny of the candidates for judicial appointments to turn the tide against constitutional interpretation that undermine religious freedom."
Euthanasia: "As for the 'so-called right to suicide' and related practices, such as euthanasia, whatever emotional arguments we make on their behalf, they represent a violation of the principles of the Declaration of Independence."

Shawn:
"He seems very intelligent, although his religious beliefs weigh too heavily on items which would become policy. Unfortunately, a black man , even of his intelligence and accomplishments, does not have a real shot at the Presidency with today's society."

Earl: "He is one of the most powerful speakers I have ever heard. He preaches a strong moral code but delivers it with a more reasonable approach, whereas people like Buchanan, are more rigid."



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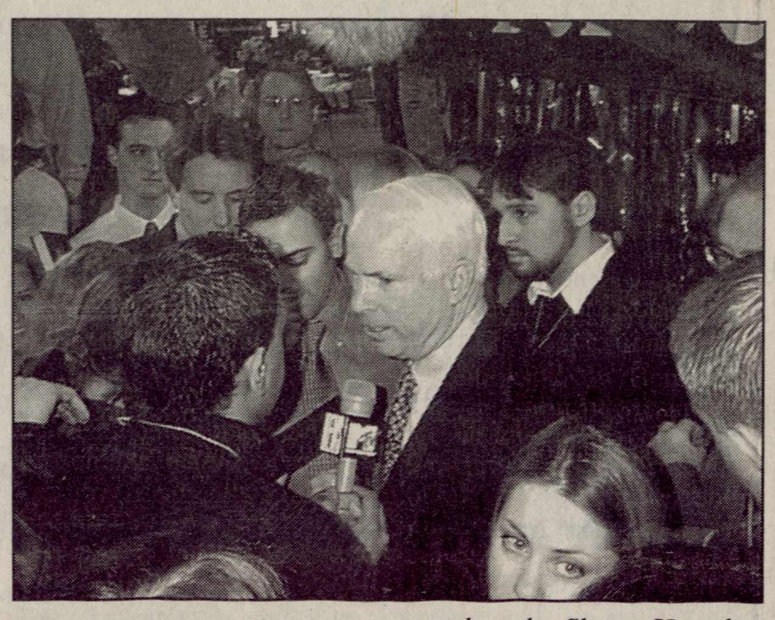
Ambassador Alan Keyes delivers a speech to the college and high school students.

Republican Candidate Sen. John McCain



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John McCain answers questions for a MTV reporter and other news stations before speaking at the Convention.

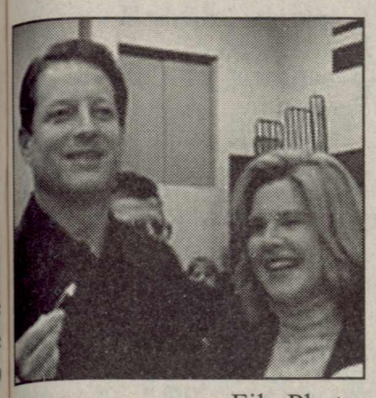
Taxes: McCain proposes to dramatically increase the number of taxpayers eligible for the lowest 15% tax bracket and to eliminate the obscene penalty that increases taxes for couples who get married.
Education Reform: "Education reform is not an option, it's a must if our country is to remain strong, and our children are to be prepared for a future worthy of their potential."
School Choice:
"I strongly support school choice. Competition can breed excellence in education, as it does in every other sector of our society."
Abortion: "I am pro-life. I oppose abortion except in the case of rape, incest or when the life of the mother is in danger".
Gun Control: "I don't support gun bans or other measures that impinge on Constitutionally protected, individual rights - including the Second Amendment right of Americans to own firearms."
Budget Surplus:
"My plan for a strong America is to use the surplus to rescue Social Security; save Medicare; pay down national debt and provide desperately needed tax relief for American families."
Health Care: "It's time we make the reforms necessary to help uninsured Americans receive the coverage and access to quality health care they need."
Environment: "I believe we should continuously examine the implementation of environmental statutes to ensure that national anti-pollution goals are being met, that the environmental protection standards we are working toward are responsible, achievable and based on sound science."

Shawn:
"He was the clear favorite of the students. He has a very personable approach. I did not feel as if he was quoting sound bytes to me. I was most impressed with his views on the Internet and his unwillingness to tax it. He's got my vote!"

Earl:
"He is truly your working man's candidate. It's about time this country had a role model to choose. He joins the average man in despising useless legislation."
"He's got really new ideas on issues that will affect everyone. I think that he's got a good chance of catching the press' favor, because of his ability to reach any audience. This guy's not afraid to shake dirty hands or kiss babies."

Manchester, N.H.

Democratic Candidate Vice President Al Gore



File Photo
Vice President Gore did not attend the convention. Comedian Al Franken spoke on his behalf.

Issues:

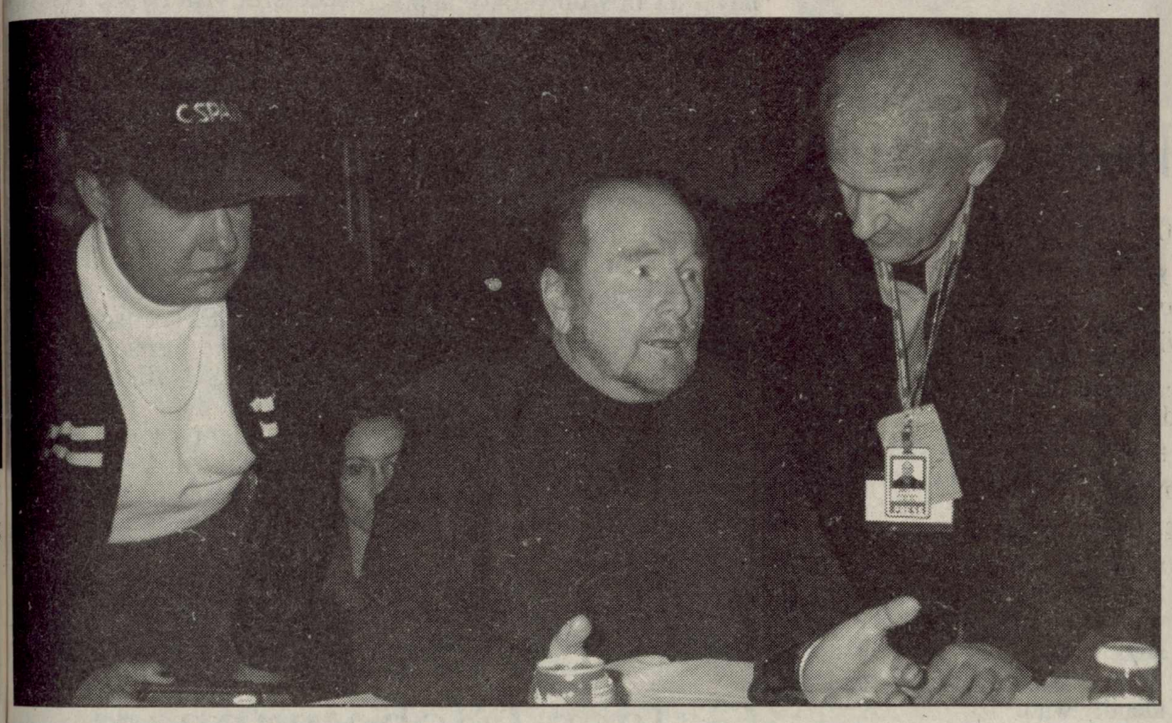
Education: Vice President Gore is proposing to devote $115 billion of the budget surplus to create an Education Reform Trust Fund which will fund new education investments: including universal preschool; reforming the American High School and smaller schools and smaller classes; high quality teachers, and fixing failing schools.

Health Care: Gore's health care plans are a five-part plan: (1) assuring rights for patients by passing legislation to keep medical records private and a strong enforceable Patients' Bill of Rights that gives patients critical protections, such as access to specialists, access to emergency room services and making health plans accountable for harming patients; (2) modernizing health care by focusing on prevention, individual responsibility, and new technologies to improve and measure quality; (3) building on the progress and possibilities of new research while protecting against the perils, such as genetic discrimination; (4) addressing the nations' unprecedented challenges due to the aging of the baby boomers by strengthening and modernizing Medicare, including providing a prescription drug benefit, and by proposing initiatives to support families with long-term care needs; and (5) working towards the goal of assuring all Americans have access to quality health care coverage.

Source: Al Gore's official presidential campaign web-site.

Shawn: "I didn't know what to make of Al Franken. I'm not sure if Gore was trying to impress us or insult us. I believe he was in the state at the time; he should have made the effort to come by the convention.

Earl:
"I was disappointed in his absence. At least Bush sent someone prepared on the issues."
"If the Democratic Party nominates Al Gore for president, it will be the worse mistake the party has ever made. Although he has distanced himself from the Clinton scandal, he was still the vice president under the worse president in history."



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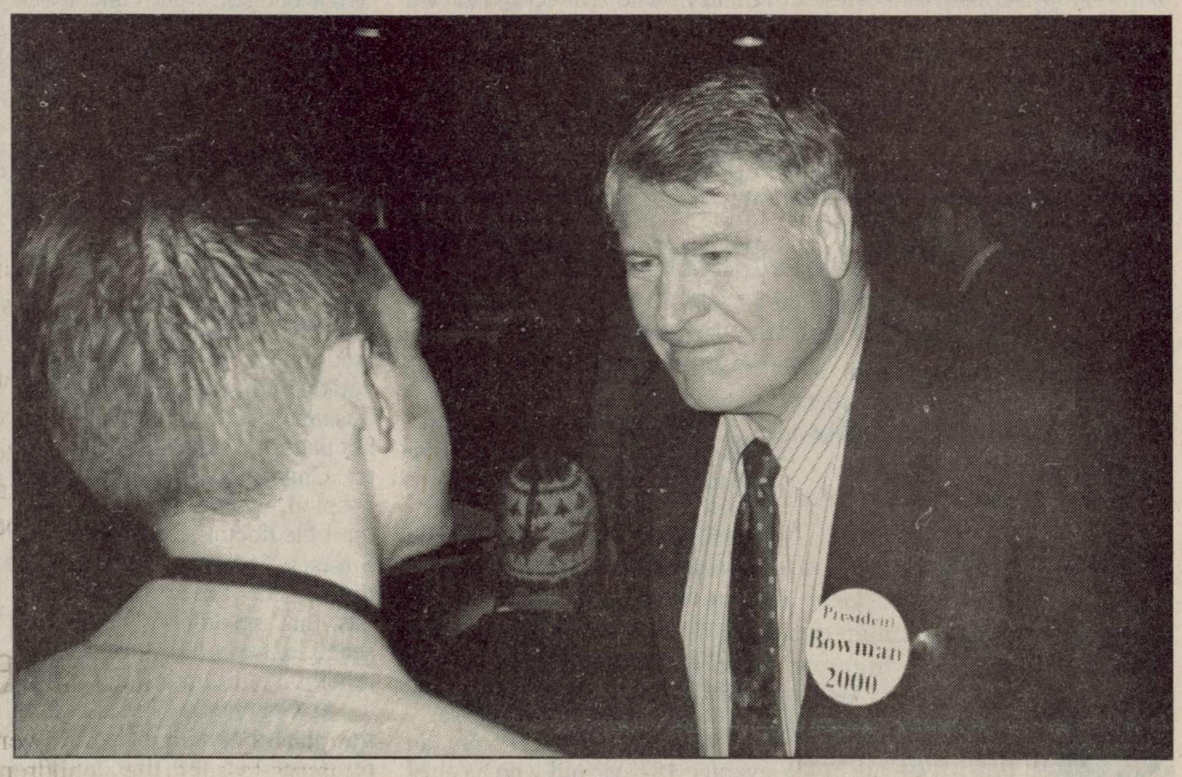
Bob Dornan (center), a republican known for his disapproval of President Clinton's administration, bashed Democratic guru James Carville in a speech prior to Carville's speech. Dornan's sister, Mary Madeline, is a republican lobbyist who is married to Carville.



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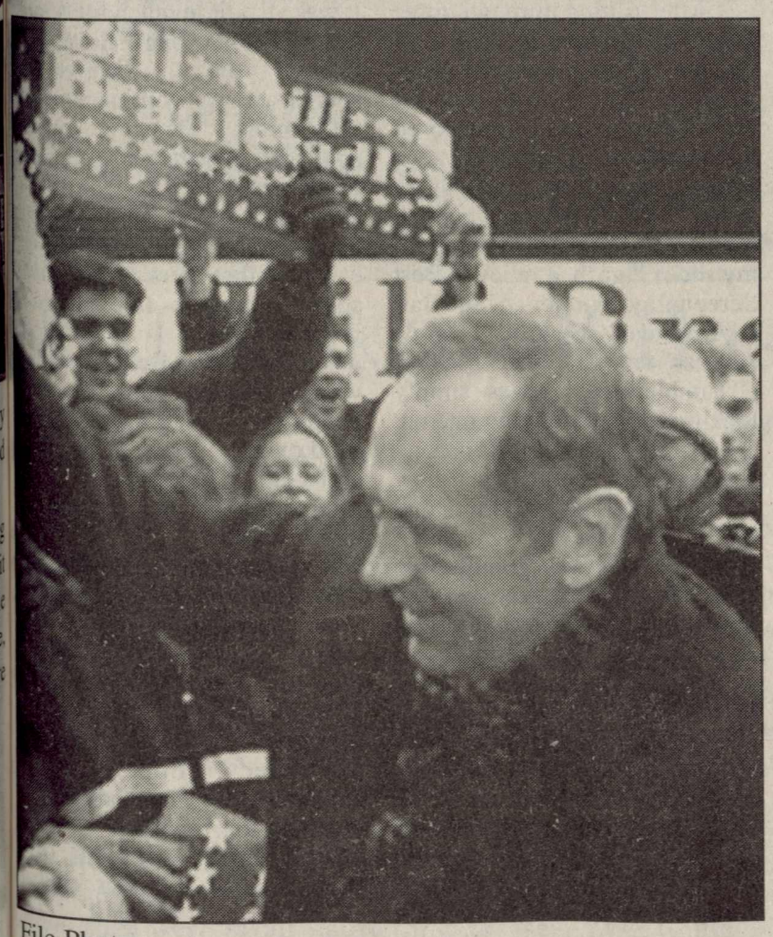
Reform party Bill Bowman is hoping to defeat long-time Reform nominee Pat Buchanan for the Reform nomination. Bowman was well-received by the students, said Gates.



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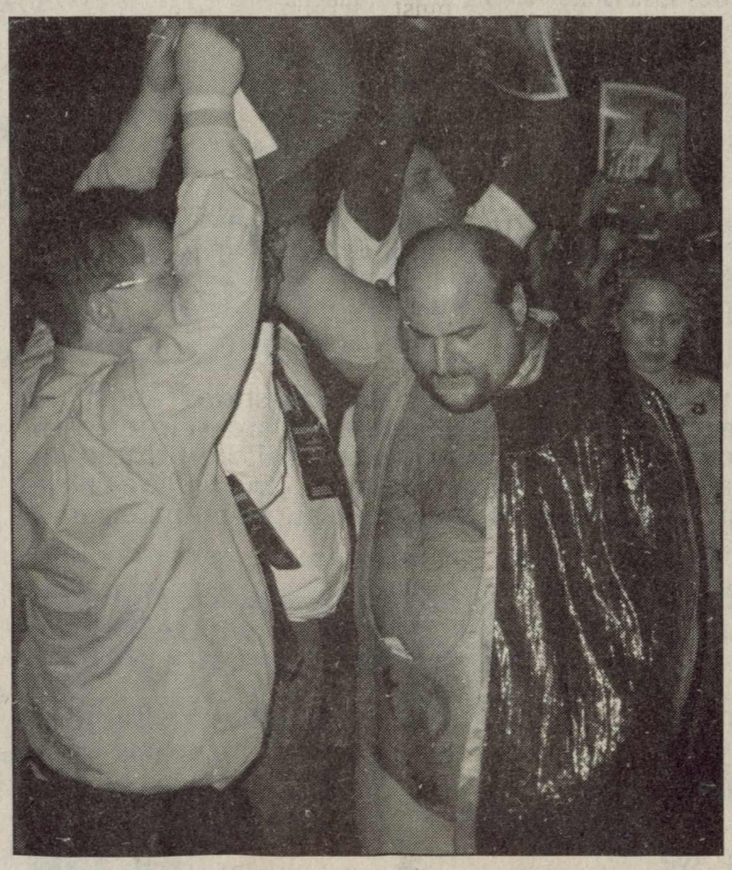
Democratic candidate Sen. Bill Bradley did not attend College Convention 2000 and was not represented by anyone.



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All-star wrestling association's "Lobsterman" lifts his arm in victory as his fans raise their "Lobsterman for President" signs at the convention.

photo by Shawn Hornsby
Several less-known presidential candidates attended the convention. Daniel Clay is running for the nomination of the Reform Party.

photo by Shawn Hornsby
Florida Governor Jeb Bush answers questions from the students concerning higher education.

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Sen. John McCain addresses a student's question about gun control.

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Democratic spindoctor James Carville gives a inspirational speech encouraging the college students to become involved in campus politics.

Arts & Entertainment

A&E News in Brief

Fox *Spins* away from ABC

Fox

In a surprise announcement last week, multi-Emmy-winning actor Michael J. Fox of *Family Ties* fame said he would leave the his current sitcom *Spin City* at the end of the season. He will leave after taping his 100th episode of the show.

The 38-year-old actor announced that he is battling Parkinson's Decease back in early Nov. 1998. In March 1998, Fox underwent potentially risky brain surgery that supposedly eliminated the worst tremors. He also controls symptoms with medication, but still suffers stiffness in his left side and occasional violent shaking.

There has been no immediate word from ABC on the show's future, being that there are 10 shows left in this season.

Critics are predicting that the show will ultimately be canceled and replaced with a spin-off staring one of the shows characters, probably

90210 and *Party* say goodbye

Party of Five

After this television season teen angst will have to find a new home, because FOX has chosen to cancel two of their most popular show in recent years.

According to *Daily Variety*, after years of luring teen viewers to FOX, *Party of Five* and *Beverly Hills 90210* will no longer air after this season.

Due to high costs, shabby ratings and pending cast departures, the network plans to pull the plug on both series at the end of the season.

90210's cost had skyrocketed to a hefty $2.2 million-per-episode, and with original cast members Brian Austin Green and Tori Spelling set to leave the show, producers figure that the best bet would be to cancel the low rated shows.

SCREAM trilogy star Neve Campbell confirmed that she would leave the past Golden Globe winning drama Party of Five when her contract expired.

For the time being, FOX's hit sophomore sitcom *That '70s Show* will be taking the time

Elian the Movie?

Gonzalez

As the U.S. justice system decides the fate of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez, CBS is planning to produce a four-hour miniseries based on the trials and tribulations of the Cuban boy, according to Variety.

"I have a feeling that it could be resolved in the next three or four weeks," the project's producer, Craig Anderson, tells Variety. Although there's no script yet, "we've developed his quite a ways already."

The magazine reports Anderson plans to film part of the miniseries in Cuba and hopes to get cooperation from relatives of Elian both in Cuba and the United States.

SAB narrows list of possible acts for spring concert.

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

The Student Activities Board has made a decision on what music will be performed at the Spring Fling concert.

A survey was taken last fall in Iberville Dining Hall and at the student union. University students could choose which type of music they liked the most for the concert. The two choices people picked the most were alternative and country. According to Jeremy Shaw, who gave the survey, country won out as the overall choice. Shaw was the concert committee chair for the fall of 1999. Chris Gaudet is the chair for the spring of 2000 and will be working with Shaw on concert details.

"We've had all types of concerts. Every year is different. We've had rap, alternative and country. The concert that we seemed to have the most attendance and support for was the country concert with Tim McGraw in 1995. I think we'll do pretty good this year with the choice for country as the music for the concert," Shaw said.

File Photo
Toby Keith may be the main act for NSU's spring concert.

The budget for the concert was $20,000 this year. Shaw says that the amount of money for the budget depends on enrollment. High enrollment means a high budget for bigger name performers. The Student Activities Board contacts agents of potential performers and puts in a bid. The performers considered are Toby Keith and Mark Chestnutt.

"The agent for Toby Keith came up here personally and met with us to talk about the concert. We've made an offer this week and are waiting for a response. I feel confident that he will accept," Shaw said. "If the offer is turned down, we'll make one to Mark Chestnutt. Since he will be routed in this direction, he would be more likely to accept as well."

Spring Fling week will be April 3-7. The concert will be at 7 p.m. on April 6 at Prather Coliseum.

Girl Interrupted filled with sincerity, frankness and perception

Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

"What exactly is crazy?" This is one of the provocative questions running throughout James Mangold's "Girl, Interrupted," based on Susanna Kaysen's 1993 memoir about her experiences staying in a psychiatric ward in the late '60s starring Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie, Whoopi Goldberg, Clea Duvall and Vanessa Redgrave.

Susanna (Ryder) is an average 18-year-old who has just recently graduated from high school. Unlike most of her classmates, who are set on what college to attend, Susanna wants nothing more than to write. Through a series of flashbacks, we are shown both the rebellious and independent aspects of Susanna's personality, as well as the emotional turmoil in her life, both of which she considers to be symptoms of her "illness."

After a half-hearted suicide attempt in which she downs vodka with a bottle of aspirin, Susanna's parents literally pack her bags and send her on her way to Claymoore, a psychiatric hospital, where she is to stay until the doctor says she's cured. Susanna doesn't seem to belong there. The closest problem she has that resembles a disorder seems to be a bunch of teenage rebellion built up inside.

At Claymoore, she is able to see she is unlike most of the residents but the line between well and sick is gradually blurred when she sparks friendships with several of the other girls living there.

Soon after Susanna arrives, in waltzes Lisa (Jolie), a long time patient t and sociopath who has once again been caught after she attempted to escape. Susanna and Lisa are very different individuals but they from a close bond, balancing each other's diverse personalities.

Both Ryder and Jolie are great actresses but since Jolie's Lisa is the more outward and flashy character, she is obviously the one whose talent jumps off the screen.

Ryder is subtle and quiet, but more genuine because of it and the internal conflicts you sense she is going through are something many twentysomethings will be able to identify with.

It has been documented that Ryder has been passionate about a film adaptation of Kaysen's story for several years and it was only until she found a home at Columbia Pictures and collaborated with director James Mangold.

This picture is filled with sincerity, frankness and perception, a highly respectable piece of work that treats Kaysen's story with the utmost respect.

ASK THE EXPERTS

"Ask the Experts" is your chance to ask us any questions about the entertainment field that you may have. Any and all questions are welcomed and will be answered in this section each week. Your question will be printed and answered by the experts. Not all questions will be answered, and will be chosen by the A&E editor. All questions should be sent to currentsauce@hotmail.com or brought to room 225 Kyser Hall.

Does *Felicity* star Keri Russell like her new hair cut?

Jennifer Henkly
Sophomore PE Major

Russell

As far as we can tell Keri Russell, who plays the title character in the Warner Brothers show *Felicity* seems to be happy with her new hair style.

Unfortunately, the WB is not nearly as happy with the hair cut as Russell.

They blame the new style for the shows floundering ratings.

Russell has been known for her long curly locks of hair since her days as a star of the *Mickey Mouse Club*.

In the first episode of the shows sophomore season, Russell debuted her new look.

Fan reaction seems to be mixed, but those that did not like her hair were by far much more vocal with their opinions.

The WB is now asking testing audiences about Russell's hair in an attempt to please viewers

Who is the new star of *The Profiler*? And where have I seen her before?

Michael Chambers
Freshman

Luner

The actress that took over the role on *The Profiler* is Jamie Luner.

Luner is no stranger to television. You probably remember as one of the Lubbock twins on *Growing Pains* and its spin-off *Just the Ten of Us*.

Luner also played coniving vixens on two Aaron Spelling shows, *Melrose Place* and *Savannah*.

She played the lead role of Peyton in *Savannah*.

Luner has a stupendous voice and has done a small amount of off-broadway productions.

She will be starring in her first major motion picture called *Sacrifice*. It is currently in post-production and will be released later this year.

Northwestern music programs reaccredited, honored

News Bureau

There is a sweet sound coming from the music programs at Northwestern State University. NSU's music programs have been reaccredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

Northwestern's music programs have been accredited since 1961. The university earned reaccreditation after a careful year-long review of faculty, students, facilities performance, alumni and other criteria. This reaccreditation places Northwestern in "good standing" for three degree programs: the Bachelor of Music in Performance, Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music in Music Education.

"Northwestern's outstanding music programs have set this university apart for decades. They contribute enormously to the quality of life at the university and in the region," said

Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "We plan to use this reaccreditation as a way to help us continue improving and bringing additional national prestige to Northwestern."

NASM is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the agency responsible for the accreditation of all music curricula. The organization provides a variety of services to member institutions and provides information to the general public about educational programs in music. NASM was founded in 1924 and has 578 institutional members.

"We are extremely pleased that the NASM has recognized the quality of the music program at Northwestern," said Bill Brent, head of the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts at NSU. "The music faculty sets high performance standards for our students, and the students continue to impress me with the efforts to succeed both academically and musically."

Brent gave particular credit to faculty members Dr. William Mathis, Dr. Burt Allen and Dr. Dennette McDermott who as members of the "Self-Study Committee" gave many hours to writing the university's initial report examining its programs and for hosting a successful visit by the NASM team, Lyle C. Merriman from the Pennsylvania State University and David Herman of the University of Delaware.

"We have felt that the music program at Northwestern was an outstanding one," said Brent. "The continued membership in the NASM ensures that students who pursue a music degree at NSU will receive an education that is of the highest quality and that their degree will carry the added weight of being received from a nationally accredited music program."

Northwestern has gained national accreditation for 28 of its 32 eligible academic

Golden Globe winners announced

After sitting through three tense, butt-numbing hours of Golden Globe Awards glad-handing, The stars who attended the Dreamworks sponsored after-party at Trader Vics on Sunday night were ready to let loose. ''I'm just so happy I didn't fall down or throw up on my shoes,'' gushed relieved Best Screenplay winner Alan Ball (''American Beauty''). Best Actress winner Janet McTeer (''Tumbleweeds'') was simply looking forward to tying one on. ''Apparently this is THE party,'' she joked. ''I shall tell you how it is when I come out, drunk and flat on my back.''

If anyone was going to be carried out on a stretcher, the appearance of Best Supporting Actor winner Tom Cruise, not martini overload, would have been the most likely cause.

When the ''Magnolia'' star arrived with Globe in hand, the crowd pushed to the front of the restaurant to rub shoulders with the star, only to recede when the actor slipped back into his limo moments later. Meanwhile, nominee Kevin Spacey hobnobbed with ''The Sixth Sense''s Haley Joel Osment, his costar in the upcoming ''Play It Forward.'' Matt Damon, Winona Ryder, Julianne Moore, Keri Russell, Dylan McDermott, Wes Bentley, Liev Schreiber, Warren Beatty, and Annette Bening also busily worked the crowd.

It was all a little much for Aimee Mann, whose song ''Save Me'' from the ''Magnolia'' soundtrack was nominated. ''It's the most bizarre, surreal spectacle I've ever encountered,'' she sighed. ''But the great thing about walking down the red carpet is that there are so many stars, nobody's interested in you.''

R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, who produced Best Comedy contender ''Being John Malkovich,'' took a similarly anti-glam approach by celebrating his movie's nonstop losing streak with companion Courtney Love. ''We lost four Golden Globes. That's brilliant!'' he gushed. ''We're the subversive losers. I love it! I kept telling [director] Spike [Jonze], 'It's really dignified.''' Still, Globes newcomer Stipe found something to love about the over-the-top awards. ''Most awards shows are kind of a snore, but this one was kind of entertaining,'' he said. ''The gloss and veneer start to fade after a few hours. I love that.'' Stipe was equally amused by the dreaded JoanRivers query: '''Who are you wearing?' That's like a question from 'Silence of the Lambs Act 3,'' he joked. ''Terrifying!''

Other losers weren't quite as enthusiastic as Stipe, but seemed content to wait for next year. ''I

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EDITORIALS

Who is policing the faculty lots?

I arrived to campus Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. unable to drive through the commuter lot across from the police station because students parked their vehicles so that their back ends blocked traffic.

I was happy to see the police officer writing tickets to these students because of the problems with congested lots. As I went on with my morning duties, I wondered if tickets were being issued in the faculty lot between the Student Union and the Family and Consumer Science Building.

My wonder actually drove me to grabbing a camera and seeing for myself what was being done in the faculty lot. I made it to the lot at 11:30 a.m. and counted a total of 21 cars not in a legal parking place. Some were parked at the end of the rows while others were parked in the striped zones. One pick-up truck was parked in the blue striped area next to a handicapped spot. Needless to say, there was not a handicapped sticker or tag on the truck.

Two hours after a police officer walked through a commuter lot writing tickets I did not see one ticket on one of the 21 illegally parked vehicles in the adjacent faculty lot.

The University missed over $500 in fines in one lot in one morning. Imagine how much more revenue could be generated if faculty lots were policed half as much as student lots were.

Is there a separate policy for faculty than there is for students? Is it not worth the police departments time and energy to walk thirty yards to write 21 more tickets?

After all, there are at least two open lots the faculty can park: the library and the lot behind Russell Hall. Let's stop this convenient discrimination.

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NSU Basketball Has Arrived ... Sort Of

Ron Fauss
Assistant Athletic Director/Marketing

A great thing happened at Northwestern State University and in it's athletic department over the last week and a half. It's basketball programs got a pulse from it's fans. Don't look now, but the Demons and Lady Demons are turning Prather into one of the toughest venues to win in the Southland Conference.

This certainly wasn't always the case. Students who showed at Prather Coliseum last season were treated to games that were about as exciting as going to the new Albertsons and watching the automatic doors open and close.

There wasn't much atmosphere to speak of, and there certainly weren't any fans there to enjoy it if there would have been. This year has been different. With new men's coach Mike McConnathy a new life has been breathed into the program, and the fans have responded. Anyone who was at the NSU victory over conference-leading Texas-San Antonio Thursday night can vouch for the fact that the Demons put on a show that was exciting and entertaining for the fans.

The Pep Band has improved ten-fold over a year ago, there is better seating for the students, not to mention the better product on the court.

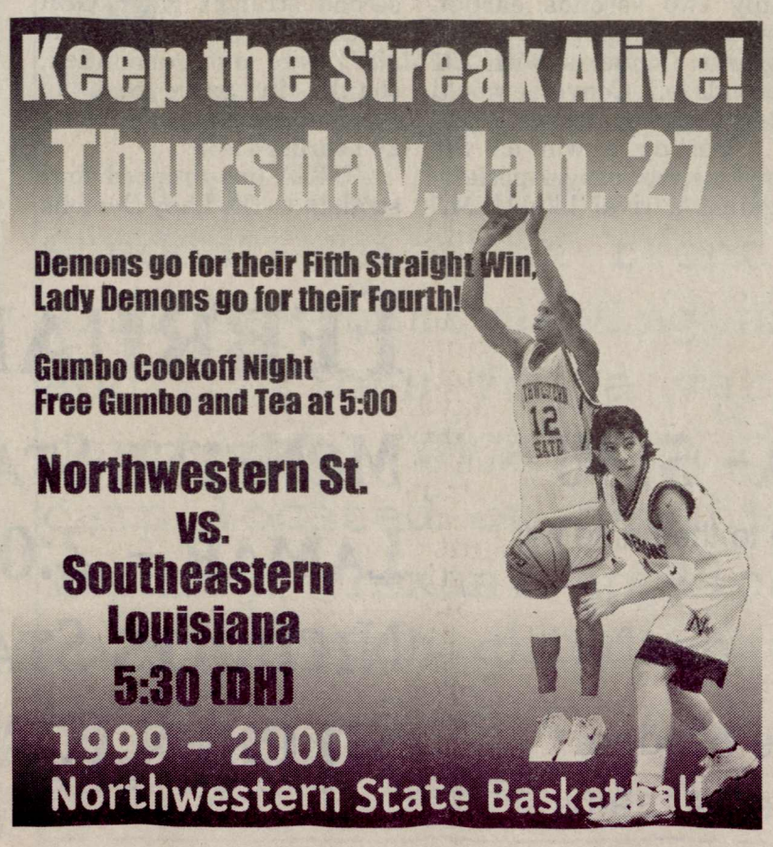
The Lady Demons have been a dominant force in the Southland for years, however they are just now finally getting the crowd support they deserve.

The crowd and support has been steadily improving ... the improvement from a year ago is unbelievable ... but it still has a long way to go. The thing that is slow in developing is the avid support of the Greeks and the student body. Most of the problem seems to lie in the fact that they haven't been to a game this season and have yet to experience the changes in attitude and atmosphere. If you haven't been to a game this season, come give the new-look Prather Coliseum and Demon Basketball team a look. We think you will like what you see. We would like to have a mini Cameron Indoor Stadium (Duke University's Home Basketball Court), but to have that, we need the organized support of the student body, and more specifically the greeks. We would love to have a special section for the Greeks, one where if they were loud the opposing team wouldn't be able to hear itself think in the huddle.

The win over UTSA was a great one for the Demons, and with the support of a very vocal student body, it can be the first of many big wins at home for the Demons and Lady Demons.

The next chance for the student body to make a difference is this Thursday as NSU hosts Southeastern Louisiana. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m., however the athletic department is sponsoring a gumbo cookoff, and there will be plenty of free gumbo to be eat beginning at 5 p.m. We are getting close, but we are not there yet. Go to games, be vocal, and make Prather a tough place to win for opposing teams.

For suggestions of how to improve



Gates on CC2K

Every four years, just before the presidential election, a convention is held in Manchester, New Hampshire to introduce the major candidates to a very powerful group of voters, the young leaders of America.

SGA President Shawn Hornsby, and myself, Earl Gates, senate chair were given the opportunity to attend this event, College Convention 2000. Representing you, the students, our University and our state, we went to the corner of the country Jan. 12 through Jan. 15 to speak to and listen to the leaders of our country, and possibly the next President of the United States.

In going there, along with about 35 other representatives from across Louisiana, we hoped to attain several goals. We wanted to go to these people to tell them about the issues that were important to us, as students and as young Americans. It was also a priority to see what the leaders of our country were all about and what made them different form each other. More importantly, however, we wanted the politicians to see us. We went there so that these men and women would know that we are out there, thinking and, above all, voting.

The response to the program was incredible. All of the major candidates for president were represented by campaign booths and most candidates made an appearance to talk to the students.

For the benefit of my fellow students, I will briefly go over the presidential candidates that attended, as well as my impressions of them. However, I encourage all who read this to become educated on all the candidates and form an opinion of your own. Don't take my word, find out for yourself.

Steve Forbes, from New Jersey, delivered a speech emphasizing moral conscience of government. However, I found him a bit dry and missing the character needed to connect with a young audience.

Similar standpoints were preached by a U. N. Ambassador, Alan Keyes, Republican from New York. I believe that his strong family values approach as well as his brilliant oratory skills will take him far in this country's government, just not this year.

Pat Buchannan, a Virginia Reform Party candidate, gave a well-rehearsed speech describing basic Republican views with a twist of Reform cynicism, but lost my respect when he belittled a young woman asking about social security during the question period after his address.

In his absence, George W. Bush, Republican Governor of Texas, was represented by his brother, Jeb Bush. The Governor of Florida did very well at emphasizing the country's need for a tax cut and a stronger military.

The Democrats made a poor showing. Al Gore, from Tennessee, is the leading candidate from his party, and was represented by comedian/actor Al Franken, who was entertaining, but definitely not prepared to speak on any political issues.

Bill Bradley, the senator from New Jersey, and Gore's only real party adversary, did not even bother sending his campaign team, much less make an appearance.

Making the best impression on the crowd, and my personal favorite, was Arizona Republican John McCain, a man whose ability to connect with any audience, his true American hero image, and war on useless legislation is giving him a very successful grass-roots campaign.

Also making a showing were many other candidates from the Reform Party and the lesser-known Natural Law Party. These men, in my opinion, were generally men with good ideas, although their radical approach and lack of exposure will only preserve their same role in the next election.

Making appearances were speakers from NRA, Handgun Control, World Trade Organization, Steel Union, Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Also speaking were various organizations dealing with such issues as abortion, U. S. English, an organization for the promotion of the English language in America, Libertarian Party, an upcoming alternate to the major political parties, and student apathy.

Other speaker highlights were Bob Dornan, Clinton critic, and James Carville, well-known Democratic spin master.

Over the four days of this event, an overbearing issue was the lack of young voters. It is known that political involvement of students is plummeting. The question that arises is WHY? Why is it when you ask someone on campus who they support for president they say "Who cares?" or "Why does it matter?".

Who does care? I'll tell you who should care about this election....you! The fact is, when the decisions made by the next president start to affect the way people live, it will be too late to do anything, and it will matter to you most. If you think that you will ever have a better opportunity to change things in the direction you want, you are wrong.

The best way to change things is to become involved. Get in the middle of your school's issues, get in student government, and get interested. You may think that if you don't speak up, someone else will do it for you. Contrary to popular belief, politics is for everyone. I am proof that you don't have to be a political science major to learn about your government or community. You just have to care.

If it matters to you, make it matter for someone else, and together, you can make a change for the better, no matter how small. Get out, get informed, and on election day go vote. Show them all that YOU matter, that YOU have a voice, and above all that you care.

SPORTS

"Comeback kids" get their third and fourth straight conference wins

Cade Brumley
Sauce Reporter

NSU comes up big in the final seconds as senior guard Richard Taylor nailed a 15-ft. jumper to seal the 63-61 Southland conference basketball win against the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

"The kids just laid it on the line and did everything we asked," said victorious first year Demon coach Mike McConathy.

Going into the game, the Demons hadn't won in Monroe at Ewing Coliseum in 12 long years.

The Demons were able to upset the Indians with some clutch rebounds and tight defense according to McConathy.

NSU center Charles Thompson cleared a final rebound off two straight misses from the charity stripe by ULM guard Todd Daniels with 26 seconds remaining in the game.

Then, the Demons ran a free cut until 11 seconds were left in the game, to hold for the final shot.
Next, Taylor was able to free up off a double pick to nail a game clincher with 2.8 seconds left in the game.

"Josh (Hancock) did a nice job of getting me the ball in a position to get a clear shot," voiced Taylor.

Taylor led the Demons with 15 points, 11 rebounds, and 5 steals.

He was complimented with 11 points, 4 rebounds, and 1 block by 6'7" center Charles Thompson.

This third straight victory for the Demons put them at 7-8 overall and 3-3 in the Southland Conference.

On Thursday the barnyard known as Prather Coliseum was rocking as the NSU Demons upset the University of Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners 57-55 in Southland Conference men's basketball action.

Coming into the game, UTSA was sitting on top of the Southland Conference; while the Demons were riding a three-game winning streak, including knocking off last weeks Southland Conference leaders, the University of Louisiana-Monroe Indians.

In the winning effort, junior forward Chris Thompson led the Demons. On the night, Thompson acquired 10 points, 11 rebounds, 5 steals, and 3 blocks.

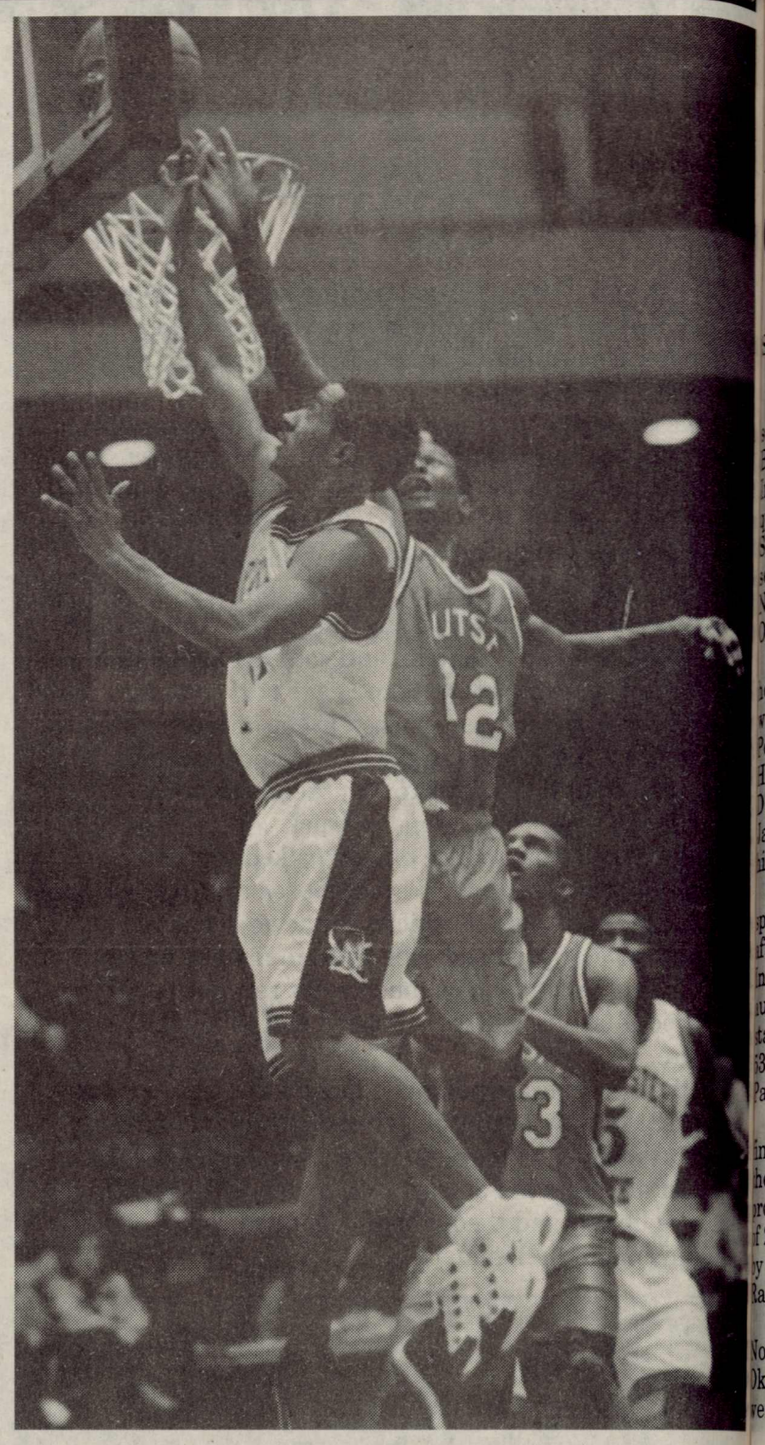
UTSA took a 26-22 lead into the half, but it wasn't enough as the Demons outscored the Roadrunners 35-29 in the second half. This lead was due to strong inside play by the Demons, as well as knocking shots down from the perimeter. Also, NSU did an excellent job on transition defense.

In the final minutes of the game, the Roadrunners were forced to send NSU to the free throw line, where the Demons came up big. NSU was 20-31 from the charity stripe on the night, led by junior guard Josh Hancock who was 5-6 from the line. Hancock finished with 11 points and 6 assists.

In the final minutes of the game, UTSA guard Devin Brown cleared the rebound and went up for the shot. The shot missed and no time was left on the clock, but Brown was fouled. He stepped to the line with the opportunity to tie the game, but came up short missing his first attempt, giving the Demons, the "comeback kids" the victory.

Northwestern - 63
UL - Monroe - 61
Leading Scorers:
NSU -Richard Taylor 15 points
-Charles Thompson 11 points
ULM - Mike Smith 26 points

Northwestern - 57
UT-San Antonio - 55
Leading Scorers:
NSU -Josh Hancock 11 points
-Chris Thompson 10 points
UTA -Reggie Minnieweather 19 points
-Devin Brown 10 points



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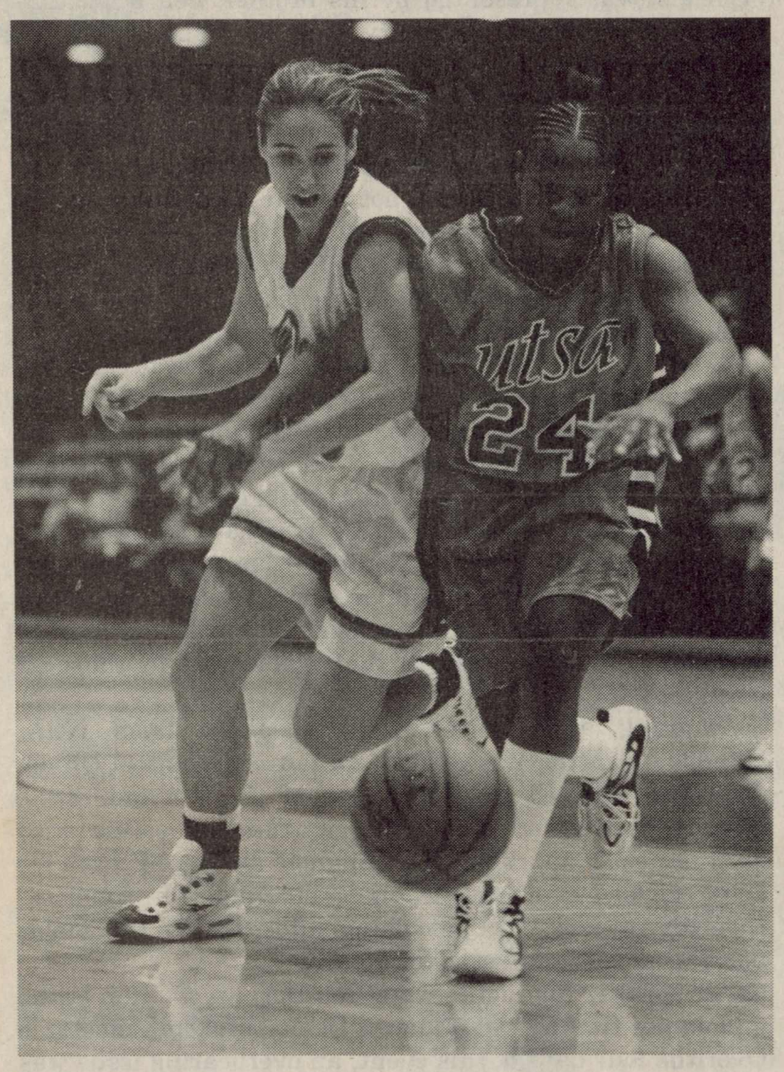
Demons squeaked by UTSA 57-55 on Thursday. Looking for their fifth straight win, the Demons will host Southeastern Louisiana this Thursday.

Lady Demons get big win on the road to go 6-1 in SLC



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Senior guard Jennifer Graf fights for a loose ball with a UT-San Antonio defender at Thursday's game. Graf, who scored 10 points against UTSA, was a big contributor in the Lady Demon victory. The Lady Demons are now 6-1 in the SLC.

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

Any win on the road is a good one.

The Lady Demons (13-3 overall, 6-1 SLC) overcame solid shooting from Louisiana-Monroe and a 38 percent shooting total to emerge victorious over the Lady Indians 62-61.

" It was a hard -fought game, and we knew that coming to this one," said Coach James Smith after the victory. "We had a hard time getting the shots to fall, but I think we did a solid job rebounding and picking up the loose ball."

Kia Converse netted a game-high 22 points, 18 of which came from six three-pointers. Her biggest three-point basket came with 1:40 left in the game, which put the Lady Demons on top for good, 62-59.

Louisiana-Monroe (6-8, 2-3) missed a desperation shot with less than one second on the clock. ULM's Vanessa Baptiste caught the inbounds pass, but the shot fell way short of the rim. Only two seconds earlier, Baptiste committed a foul against Converse with 2.1 seconds left. Converse would miss both free throws.

"Getting a win on the road is never easy, especially against a rival like ULM," Smith said.

Louise Chase's second double-double of the season was another reason why the Lady Demons got that road win. Her clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch may have overshadowed her 15 points and 14 rebounds. Chase hit seven out of eight free throw attempts for the night, including four out of four late in the game.

All of the Lady Demons' 62 points came from the shooting of Converse, Chase, Judy Clark, and Jennifer Graf. Clark hit 17 points while Graf had 10.

NSU also out rebounded the Lady Indians 37-30.

Thursday, the Lady Demons would host a less-formidable opponent in the UTSA Lady Roadrunners. The Lady Demons would take advantage of the rowdy home crowd of 1,357 and cruise to a 62-46 victory.

UTSA scored only 18 points in the first half as the Lady Demons never trailed in the game.

Both Clark and Converse led the way with 15 points a piece, and for the second straight game Graf checked in with 10 points. NSU was out rebounded, thanks in part to Lady Roadrunner Keelah Wilson's 16 boards, 41-38.

UTSA has dropped four straight to the Lady Demons and are 14-3 overall. The Lady Demons have their third wining streak of the season, now at three. The last two streaks both ended at five games.

NSU is now 26-5 in their last 30 Southland conference games (.833). The Lady Demons are also seventh in the nation in three-point shooting percentage (.424).

After a week's rest, the Lady Demons will see action next against the Southeastern Louisiana Lady Lions. The Early game kicks off a Prather Coliseum doubleheader starting at 5:30.

JANUARY 27

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA- 5:30

Note: The organization that brings the most **people** to the game will win $150. Judging ends at 6:00 p.m.

All listed games are home double headers scheduled for the men's and women's teams.

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Bell qualifies for NCAA Indoor Championships at Oklahoma Track Classic

Sports Information

Northwestern State senior All-American Kenta Bell recorded an NCAA Indoor Championships qualifying long jump Saturday for one of four second-place finishes by NSU competitors in the Oklahoma Track Classic.

Also taking runner-up honors for Northwestern were women's sprinter Kim Pouncy, men's distance star Hector Andujo, and Lady Demon newcomer Jacqueline Canton in the high jump.

Bell skipped his specialty, the triple jump, after surpassing the NCAA Indoor Championships automatic qualifying standard last week with a 53-7 1/2 mark at the LSU Paper Tiger Invitational.

At Oklahoma, Bell finished a strong second in the men's long jump with a provisional qualifying leap of 24-9 1/4, edged for the win by the 24-11 mark by Bashir Ramsey of Texas A&M.

Along with Northwestern and Oklahoma, teams competing were Texas A&M, Baylor, UTEP, TCU, SMU, Miami and Louisiana-Monroe.

Pouncy ran second in the women's 60 meter dash with a 7.53 clocking bettered only by Staneshia Bell of Oklahoma (7.46).

Andujo gave Northwestern a second place in the men's mile run with a 4:19.34 time, beaten only by the 4:18.76 by Jon Capron of Baylor.

In the women's high jump, Canton cleared the winning height of 5-7 3/4, the best mark by an SLC women's athlete this season, but was placed second because SMU's Bianca McKell had fewer missed attempts in the competition.

Lady Demon teammate Christin Carter, ranked second in the SLC, finished fourth at 5-3 3/4.

Kyle Thomas ran third for the Demons in the men's 800 with a 1:55.42 time, trailing Baylor athletes Capron (1:54.28) and Damian Davis (1:54.60).

Danny Allen gave Northwestern fifth in the men's shot put with a 46-6 3/4 mark.

The Breaux Zone...with Kaleb Breaux

As I was reading through the classifieds of *The Natchitoches Times,* which I do regularly, I stumbled upon this ad:

HEAD WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH - Northwestern State University is currently accepting applications for the position of Head Women's Volleyball Coach/Instructor. Northwestern State, a NCAA Division I (I-AA), football sponsors 14 varsity sports.

The Head Women's Volleyball Coach is a full-time, 12 month position with benefits. The responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of the women's volleyball program, including recruiting, compliance with NCAA legislation, fund raising, practice, training and conditioning, and other duties, as required to have a competitive NCAA Division I program. Through knowledge of NCAA rules, excellent verbal and communication skills, a commitment to the well being of student-athletes at a strong academic school also a must.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree required, master preferred. Successful coaching and playing experience on the collegiate level preferred. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until position is filled.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until position is filled. To apply, send letter of application, resume, and three letters of recommendation:

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So is the position still open or does the current coach know that he is about to get the pink slip?

You, the reader, can look at scenario at two humorous points of view.

Number one, NSU is now hiring a new head coach for women's volleyball. This would seem kind of strange since the current coach has only coached at the university for one year. If this is so, that would mean that Northwestern had high expectations, expectations that the current coach could not meet, for the 1999 Lady Demons volleyball team. If this is true, give the man a chance, he deserves one. Other than Bobby Knight, who can turn a team of that caliber around.

The second point of view that can be taken is that NSU forgot to cancel the ad with *The Natchitoches Times.* If the ad is bogus, wouldn't that be false advertisement. Someone poor assistant coach somewhere might desperately need and want that job, so will someone please check into that.

We at *The Current Sauce* like to keep students informed. Please contact me at kalebbreaux@cp-tel.net and let us, *The Current Sauce*, know what is going on.

N-SIDE SPORTS...with Cade Brumley

At NSU, we are privileged to have a solid basketball player not only led by head coach Mike McConathy, but also driven by a higher power, in his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Charles Thompson, a 6'7" junior forward is in his third consecutive season with Demon basketball. Over the past couple of weeks, the Demons have knocked off two teams who sat on top of the Southland Conference, and a big part of those victories was the inside presence of Thompson, who has put up solid numbers in points and rebounds.

"We've done what it takes to win; play defense and rebound," voiced Thompson concerning the past few wins.

Thompson thinks it is possible for NSU to win out the rest of the season, if they can continue to play good defense and crash the boards.

Under the leadership of first year head coach Mike McConathy, the Demons are starting to "gel" as a team. According to Thompson, McConathy tells the team in an enthusiastic manner how they will win the games. He also emphasized that McConathy isn't much on lectures, so it keeps the team members interested.

"He is a real confidence booster," stated Thompson on McConathy.

Thompson comes to NSU from Grand Prairie, Texas, where he graduated from Grand Prairie High School. Earning all-district honors his senior year was only part of his basketball successes. He was able to help his high school program post three straight winning records under coaches Jim Wall and Barry Davis. While at Grand Prairie, Thompson posted a 3.61 grade point average, and was treasurer of the Criminal Justice Professionals Society.

Along his way, Thompson who wanted to be a criminal justice major decided that he would rather pursue the field of accounting. This decision was influenced by Thompson's role model - his dad. His father retired as an accountant for the Texas Rangers baseball organization.

"Somewhere along the way it changed; I wanted to follow in my dad's footsteps of accounting," voiced Thompson.

Speaking highly of his father, Thompson refers to his dad as the foundation and rock of his family.

Thompson is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

"The good Lord is the main role model in my life, he should be in everyone's. He has given me the talents to play D1 (division one) basketball, and all I can do is take advantage," voiced Thompson on his Lord.

Describing himself as hard working, Thompson plans to get his degree in accounting and wet his feet as a sports agent in hopes of landing a "Jordanesque" client to carry him through.

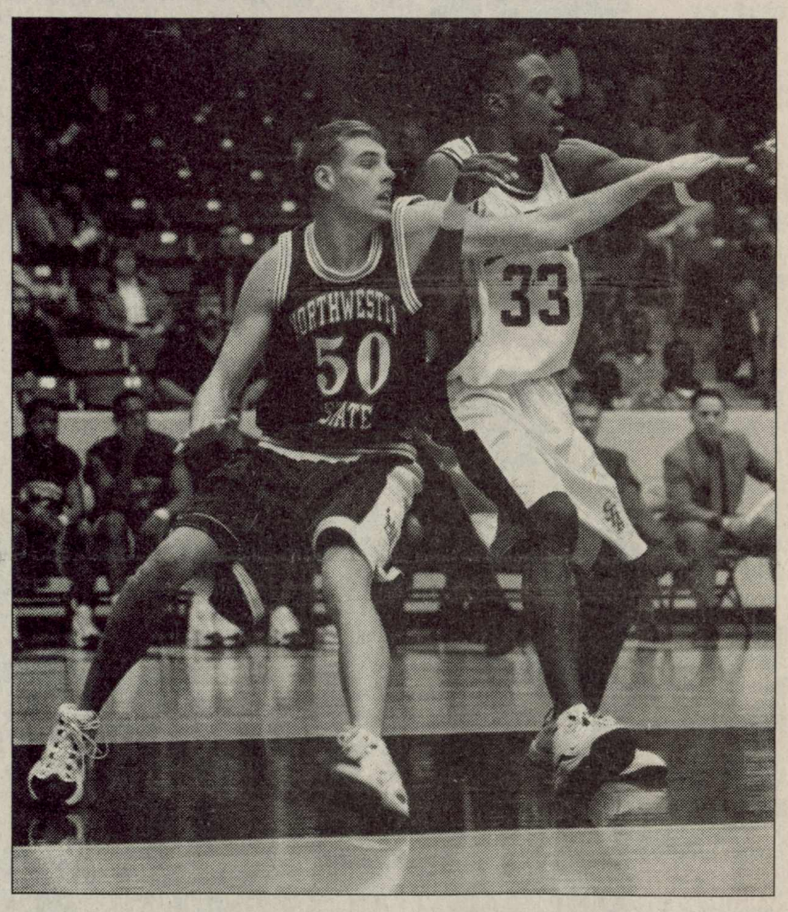


photo by Gary Hardamon

Charles Thompson, a junior forward has brought stability back to the middle for the Demons.

N Side Sports is a regular profile of NSU athletes and coaches. If you would like to nominate an athlete for an N Side Sports profile, contact Cade Brumley at cadebrumley@hotmail.com

CORRECTION

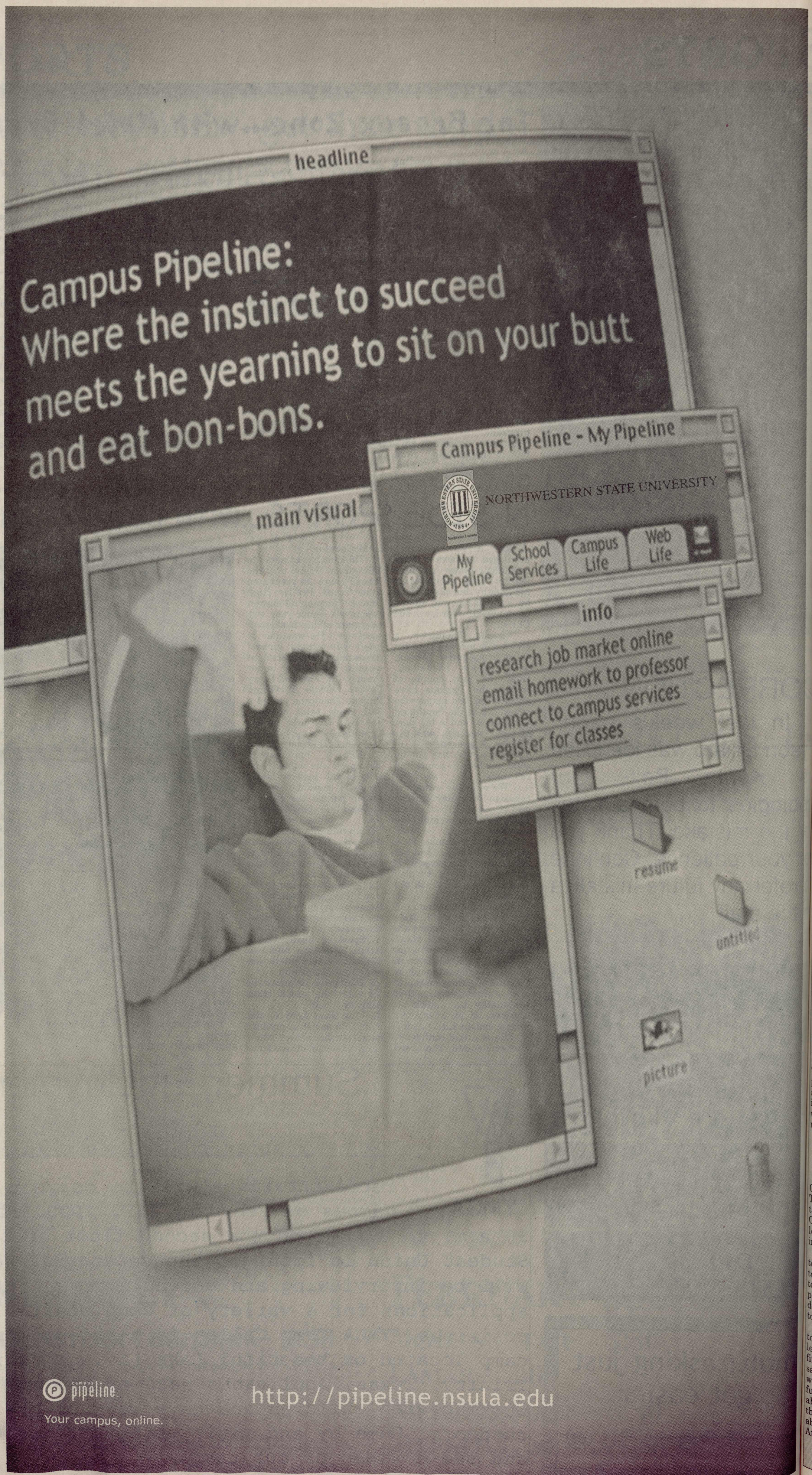
In last week's paper, Tyson Dillard was identified as Kenta Bell. Our apologies to both athletes for the mistake. Thank you for your patience. Continue to refer any future mistakes to the staff.

Summer Employment:

YMCA

YMCA Christian children's camp

representatives will be on your campus on February 1-2, 2000 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union in front of the cafeteria. We will be interviewing and accepting applications for a variety of camp staff positions. YMCA Camp Cullen is a children's camp located on beautiful Lake Livingston in Trinity, Texas. Applicants need experience working with children and have love of the outdoors. Come by and visit us at our table and see a video of our camp.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Around the World

IRA Said To Offer Hopeful Sign

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The Irish Republican Army has offered ``the first sign'' that it might finally be willing to disarm in support of Northern Ireland's peace accord, the British governor for the province declared today.

But Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson - who stripped powers from the province's Protestant-Catholic administration and resumed direct control Friday - said the outlawed group would have to make its position much clearer before the local Cabinet could regain its authority.

Mandelson's move left the four-party coalition powerless but intact on paper just 10 weeks after it was formed in fulfillment of 1998's Good Friday agreement.

Polls: McCain, Bush in Dead Heat

WASHINGTON - John McCain's appeal among independents and Democrats has him in a dead heat with George W. Bush in South Carolina and slightly ahead in Michigan, new polls indicate. Bush has an advantage among Republicans in both states.

McCain turned the GOP presidential race upside down when he won the New Hampshire primary Feb. 1 with a 3-1 edge among independents, and even an edge among Republicans.

Bush had 42 percent and McCain had 40 percent, a dead heat, in a Los Angeles Time poll of likely voters in the South Carolina released today. That mirrors a Newsweek poll over the weekend that also had Bush and McCain in a dead heat in the state with a crucial primary next Saturday.

Tornadoes Rip Through Georgia

CAMILLA, Ga. - Tornadoes slashed through southwest Georgia Monday killing at least 13 people and injuring more than 100.

The Mitchell County town of Camilla appeared to be hardest hit, with a tornado cutting a 5-mile path through a housing development south of town.

``It's like somebody took a bulldozer and leveled it,'' volunteer firefighter Mikie Newsome said. He and his father had watched a large dark funnel cloud dip down about three miles from their house near Camilla, about 200 miles south of Atlanta.

Dorm security concerns continue to escalate

Stephanie Danby
Sauce Repoter

Dorm security remains an alarming concern among many University students.

Each dorm's security system includes slide card access, patrols by campus police, resident hall security patrol and door alarms. However, most of the dorms are only protected by 75 percent of this security system.

A Current Sauce investigation found that five out of the seven dorms on campus have inoperational door alarms.

"The system we have now is out of date. The new system will be a high-tech, silent or sound activated alarm system."

Woody Blair
Director,
Housing Department

Door alarms are broken in Rapides, Bossier, Varnado, Caspari and Boozman dorms.

"I didn't know we had an alarm system," Leroy London, Rapides hall resident, said. "I would say the alarms need more attention."

Woody Blair, coordinator of housing, is aware of the inoperative door alarms and said some repairs have been made to minimize the security problem.

"Right now, some of the door alarm systems do not work," Blair said. "We had some repairs made to Bossier a week before last, so hopefully Bossier's in better shape now than it was two weeks ago."

According to the dorm security policy, the door alarms are activated at 6 p.m. and remain in operation until 6 a.m.

But some students need more than a policy to feel safe.

"What good is warning people about the alarms if they're not going to enforce it?," Megan Carpenter, Varnado hall resident, said.

Douglas Prescott, head detective of the University police department, said problems arise when residents use devices to prop the doors open.

"A lot of students will place rocks in the door for convenience purposes," Prescott said. "This makes residents susceptible to intruders and could render the alarm system ineffective."

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Photo by Heath Crawford

Troubled times on Second Street
Three members of Kappa Alpha fraternity were arrested recently in connection with a state police investigation into making fake ID's. The state police later released that the fraternity had no involvement.Despite the negative publicity, other Greeks feel that the KA situation is not a reflection of the entire Greek system.

Greeks speak out about recent arrests

Joni Naquin
Current Sauce

Greeks at the University are trying to set the record straight and dismiss new stereotypes that are arising from the recent Louisiana State Police fake ID investigation.

Last week, *The Current Sauce* reported that law enforcement officials are currently investigating college students' involvement in making fake IDs.

The investigation began after a student had to be revived after a night of excessive drinking. Not only was his blood alcohol level three times over the legal limit, he also had a fake driver's license in his possession.

So far there have been 21 citations and eight arrests. Of the eight arrested, six have been University students and four of the six are members of the University's Greek system. Three are members of Kappa Alpha Order and one is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

"I don't think this has anything to do with Northwestern's Greek community," Richard "Juice" Penny, social chairman of Tau Kappa Epsilon, said. "It is just an incident that happened between guys who happened to be a part of the Greek system and which wasn't condoned or accepted by the fraternity. It wasn't the fraternity's fault."

Many others agree with Penny.

"It shouldn't be a fraternity issue," Stephen Stroud, former KA president, said.

"I don't think it should be blamed on the fraternity as a whole. Also, all the facts and the investigation hasn't been over with yet. I think the article was premature since the investigation isn't over with."

"We are all affiliated with one organization or another that is just something you face when you join an organization," Bess Vincent, a member of the Student Government Association, said. "It's unfortunate that these students have been labeled this way. It's just something that people have to face. It's not their fault that their fraternity brothers did this, and that it had to be publicized that way."

Two members of Sigma Nu also share these opinions.

"It will affect us by having a negative impact on Greek life because it is not

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University fraternity gains charter

Larry Collins
A&E Editor

After less than a year of paper work, persistence and determination, Pi Kappa Phi became the newest members of the University's Greek community after chartering last weekend.

Saturday, Pi Kappa Phi held its chartering banquet after a weekend of tests, initiation and chartering. Present at the chartering celebration were National President J. Patrick Figley and numerous officials from the fraternity's national office.

"It's been a long year, the road was long and bumpy," chartering President, Wes Breeden said.

"We relied on the one thing we had in common, and that is brotherhood," he continued.

Twenty-nine men became initiated members of the organization and shared the special aspects of the night with 11 members from the original chartering chapter on 1956. George Ethridge, chapter adviser said that the Alumni failed the chapter and in contrast the chapter failed the alumni. This was part of his explanation of the original fall of the primary chapter.

Ethridge continued by pledging that the chapter would not allow such

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Women's old gym being renovated to house national preservation center

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

When will contractors begin renovations on the women's old gym?

Loren Lindsey, director of the physical plant, said that in 1994, Natchitoches began looking into making the gym a national preservation center. In July 1997, demolition of the hazardous material began until a Nov. 1997 fire destroyed the roof.

"The clean up was a major project since the fire melted the tar and the gravel roof caved into the building," Lindsey said. "The budget ran out, and renovations were put on hold." Last Oct., more money came in for a new budget and a bid value was established for the fire damage.

Westerchil Construction Co. in Alexandria will be working on the project. January 26 a pre-construction contract was issued for the project to proceed. The renovations will cost $2,469,000.

The project should be complete by Jan. 25, 2001

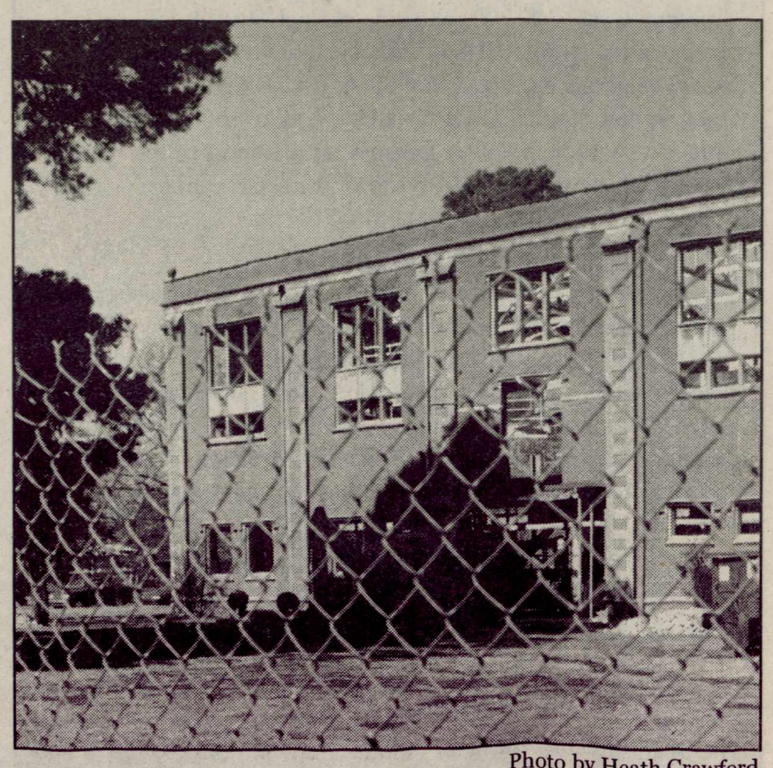


Photo by Heath Crawford
Renovations to the Women's old gym are set to begin soon. The building has sat in ruins since a fire ravaged it in Nov. 1997.

IM renovation to begin before year's end

Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

Architects and the University continue to work out the details of the renovation and expansion of the intramural building.

"Right now me, Loran Lindsey [director of the physical plant], and the architects are starting to get together to get the planning stuff really going as far as getting the blueprints together," Mark Deshotel, director of the intramural building, said.

Lindsey said that Slack, Aloss, Miermont, and Associates, the architectural firm hired to design the building, have presented three proposals so far.

"We don't feel that their proposals thus far meet our requirements that we have as far as what we expect, the students expect and the state expects," Lindsey said.

Lindsey explained how both sides approach the design of the building.

"We're trying to get everything that we can possibly get for the dollar, and the architect is trying to make sure that they don't go over budget on the facility," Lindsey said "We both have a responsibility. Somewhere we need to compromise."

Lindsey said that the architects' designs are more elaborate than the University envisions.

"They're visualizing something that's a little more than we are visualizing," Lindsey said. "This isn't unusual. It's just a matter of two parties coming together, and they haven't come together yet."

As far as the inside of the building, Deshotel has and will continue to seek input from many sources.

"I'm trying to get as many people involved in the planning so that students get what they want out of the building and it's not just, 'I like this, so that is how it's going to be,'" Deshotel said.

Deshotel is also forming a committee of students to discuss details concerning the renovations.

"I'm trying to get as well-rounded a group as I can," Deshotel said.

Deshotel is touring other intramural facilities in search of additional ideas.

"I'm starting to tour different facilities, bringing in new ideas to the project - stuff they can add to make it even better than we presented when the students passed the referendum," Deshotel said.

"I'm going to try to hit about 15 different schools within driving distance to bring as many ideas as I can to the project."

Deshotel intends to attract more non-traditional students with the renovated building.

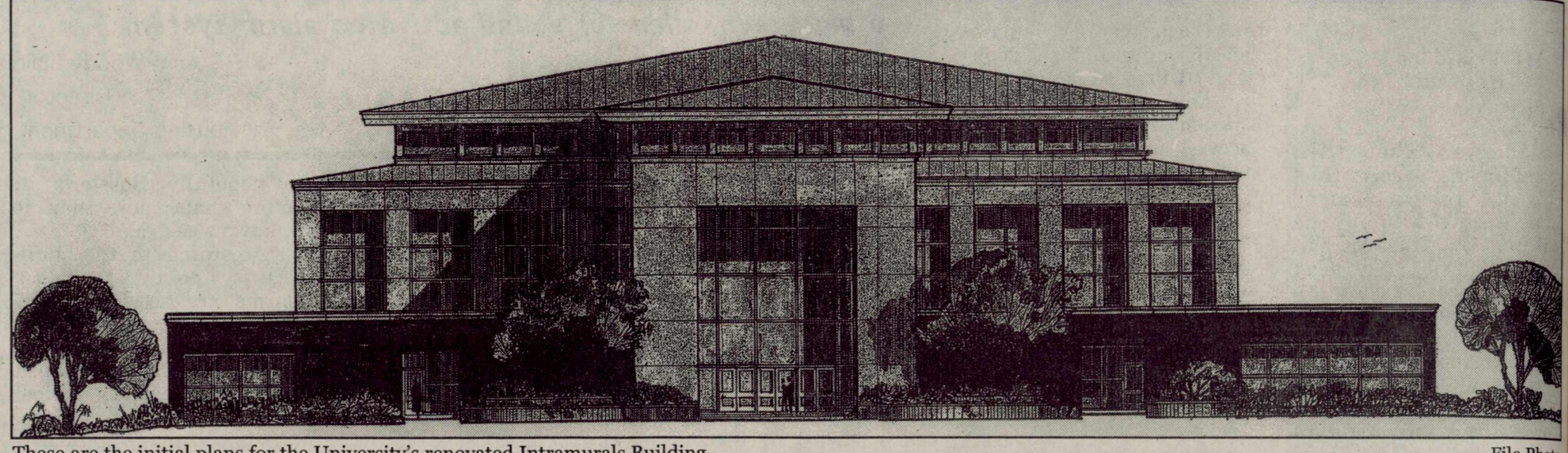
"I'm trying to get them [non-traditional students] involved in the wellness program of the building," he said. "I think that's one of the limitations of this building that we have now. We basically just have a gym and a weight room. It's hard to sell a program to get the non-traditional students in here."

Deshotel said that students who use the intramural building should not be affected until this summer.

"We're shooting for getting out of this building hopefully this summer and hopefully starting construction by the end of this year," Deshotel said. "That's our goal. That's not in stone."

Lindsey said that the renovation process should move faster once the initial phases of planning are complete.

"Once we resolve our issues, I don't think that it will take that long to actually finish the plans and specifications," Lindsey said. "We're getting there. It's just a slow process."



These are the initial plans for the University's renovated Intramurals Building. Architects and University officials are continuing to work out the details of the buidings's expansion and renovation. Officials hope to move out of the current building by this summer and start construction on the building by the end of this year. A student committee is expected to be formed to discuss design plans.

File Photo

Campus Connections

Aerobics Classes

Monday - Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. with Tasha Preylo.
Tuesday - Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Kristy McDaniel.
Come by the IM for details.

Club Soccer

NSU Men's Club Soccer team is looking for people who are interested in playing in the spring semester. No previous experience is necessary. We welcome everyone. Practices are held behind Watson Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:45 p.m., and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Coach Jim Kilcoyne 352-5888, or Cesar Isaitt 354-6483. Come out and play.

Kappa Alpha Psi

.Kappa Week 2000: Sunday - Informational; Monday - African American Women/Founders program; Tuesday - Rent-a-nupe (auction); Wednesday - Staff Day (Breakfast for all faculty); Thursday - Party; Friday - Safe Sex Awarness (Student Union); Saturday - Barbeque (everyone is invited).

KNWD

If anyone is interested in being a D,J it's not too late to sign up. If interested, stop by the station and talk to Manny or Josh.

Phi Beta Sigma

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma will hold their official Spring 2000 smoker of Tuesday, February 15, 2000 in the Cane River Room of the Student Union starts promtly at 8:14 p.m. All interested men are encouraged to attend and bring an internet printed copy of their transcript.

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is sponsoring "The Best Pizza of N. S. U." Contest at Campus Corner (Under the Tent) on Feb. 17th from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Cost is $ 2.00 per student. Each student will sample pizza from local pizza establishments and vote for their favorite pizza. Donations by: Pizza Inn, Pizza Hut, Domino's, Beaudoins, Grand Rental Station, Coca-Cola Co., Kinko's of Alexandria All proceeds will help defray the cost for members of the Honor Society to attend Psychological Conventions.

Purple Jackets

Serving as official hostesses at NSU since 1927, membership is open to students who meet the following qualifications: GPA 3.0 or Higher; Member of two chartered organizations at NSU; Officer in at least one of those organizations; Be a Junior prior to fall 1999 semester; Be a full time student on the Natchitoches campus for at least two more semesters. Applications available in Room 100 of the Student Union. Due Mar. 8.

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. in the journalism conference room

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet Mondays at 4 p.m. in room 333 and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in room 427.

Greeks: Do the actions of one speak for all?

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looking at the acts of the individual, it's looking at the whole Greek system," Nathan Collier, vice president of Sigma Nu, said.

"I think people need to understand that Greeks are members of society like everyone else, and they are the microcosms of society at large," David Gunn, a member of Sigma Nu, said.

Other members of Greek organizations are also defending the Greek community.

"I think this will affect the Greek community, but I believe it shouldn't," David Morgan Jr., president-elect of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity said. "Those were individual acts and those members should not have done what they did. They didn't do it as part of the organization. It shouldn't affect the organization, but since they are associated with it, it will still affect the group."

"They did it outside of the organization and it shouldn't affect the system, but because they are Greek, it does," Laura Blakely, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

Jindal to visit this week

Sauce Staff

University of Louisiana System President Bobby Jindal will make two stops in the area this week to further efforts by Northwestern State University to position itself more globally.

Jindal and NSU officials will meet today with representatives of Central Texas College in Leesville and with Brig. Gen. Charles Swannack Jr., the new commanding officer at Fort Polk. Jindal is encouraging Northwestern to establish a partnership with CTC to expand academic degree offerings at military bases worldwide.

On Wednesday morning, Jindal and members of Northwestern's administration and faculty will tour Alliance Compressors where NSU provides on-site workforce development through certification programs specifically geared toward Alliance employees.

He will discuss expanding the program so it may benefit other employees of Alliance's parent companies — Copeland Corporation, Trane and Lennox, with locations throughout the United States.

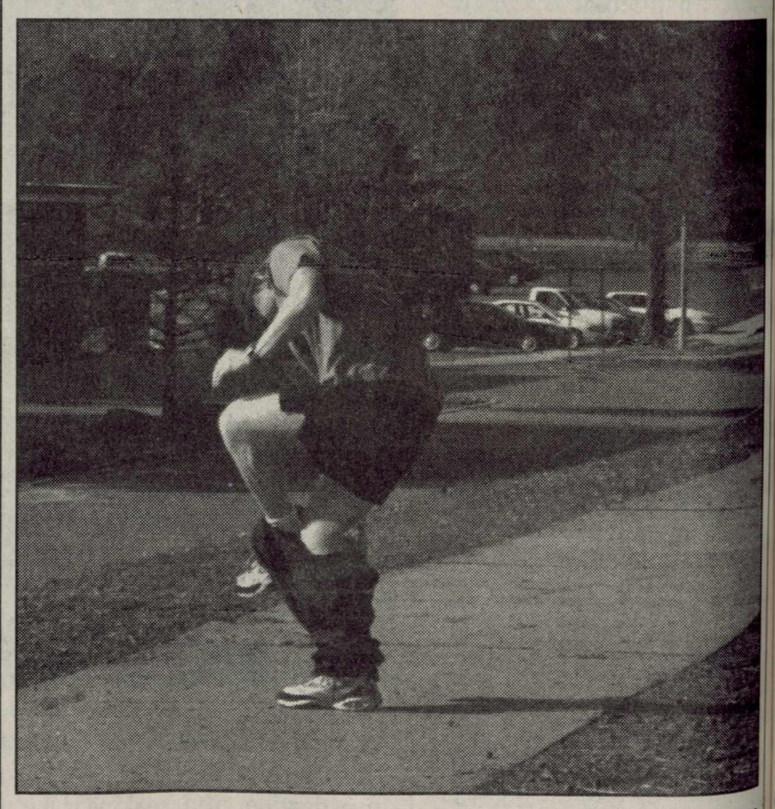

Photo by Courtney Payne

Yeah, Baby! You are one sexy #$^*@
Students should be able to wear lighter clothes soon as tempertaures are expected to reach 80 degrees and above over the next few days.

University's electronic courses provide accessibility for all students

Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

> ***"This program has been extremely successful. We know what we're doing is providing for the students' needs, and we are here for them."***
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> Darlene Williams
> Coordinator,
> Electronic Learning System

Several years ago, the University began offering courses online to better reach their large student base.

Darlene Williams, electronic learning systems coordinator, said the entire goal of offering electronic courses for students was to provide an opportunity for accessibility to those students who may not be able to come on campus every day.

Those students who have families, work and other responsibilities aren't always able to take classes they need on campus. Commuting isn't always the best alternative for students.

"This program is for all students, but our main target is the non-traditional students," Williams said.

Williams said that students must be enrolled and go through fee payment. Beyond that, everything is done online. Paying fees online is coming soon. Once that part of the program is completed, a student will never have to set foot on campus.

"This program has been extremely successful," Williams said. "We know that what we're doing is providing for the students' needs, and we are here for them. If they [students] are enrolling in these courses, the instructors are here for them, as well as other administration. Our goal is to make it 100 percent accessible on the Internet and to make it efficient in what it's providing."

Williams also said with any new technology, there will be issues to address, such as lost assignments or bugs in the system.

"So far, we've been fortunate in the type of system we use and the quality," Williams said. "It makes the entire area of electronic learning more vast. When you're managing an area that's so vast, it's a challenge."

The types of electronic learning are by Internet, compressed video and desktop. Compressed video uses cameras and monitors and is done live. On the desktop version, the program is within the computer. The courses offered are in several areas such as math, English, criminal justice, special education and computers.

There are many ed. tech courses, as well, to target those students working on their masters in specialist degree levels.

Hibernia National Bank donates $60,000 to NSU Foundation

Sauce Staff

Hibernia National Bank donated $60,000 to the Northwestern State University Foundation to create an endowed professorship in banking in the College of Business.

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Support Fund plans to donate $40,000, also.

"This donation is an important step as the College of Business works to strengthen its national reputation," said Carroll D. Aby Jr., dean of the College of Business. "Because of Hibernia National Bank's support, we will be able to attract or retain a top faculty member who will be able to prepare our students for the challenges they will face in the job market."

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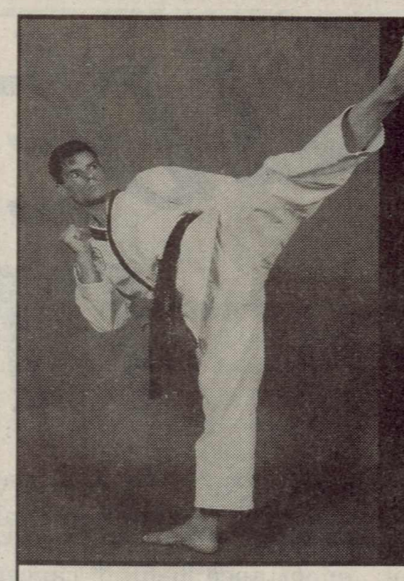
A portion of the interest generated by the endowment each year will fund classroom instruction and faculty research, purchase needed software and hardware and cover needed travel to professional conferences. The remaining portion will be used to build up the endowment.

"We believe a professorship in banking is especially critical in order to attract and develop top students who will one day become leaders in the banking field," said Minnett Thornton, marketing manager for Hibernia's Northern Region. "It's an important step for the University and Louisiana's financial services industry."

The Hibernia National Bank Professorship is the sixth endowed professorship established in the College of Business in recent months.

"The business community and private foundations, along with alumni and supporters of Northwestern, have been very willing to offer support as we have met with them and told them about our future plans," said Aby. "We have attracted bright, capable faculty from around the country who are producing students who meet the needs of business. The proof of the quality of our program is in our graduates who have excelled academically and are undertaking challenging work in a number of fields."



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"When I joined I thought I might get in good shape, but I had no idea my flexibility, coordination, and stamina would improve this much. I've learned simple, but effective self defense that really gives me confidence. Even my girlfriend says she sees a big difference. I recommend any adult give martial arts a try. It's fun, easy to learn and inexpensive. It's been great." – *Donald Perry*

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Pi Kapp: Fraternity regains charter after disbanding in 1982

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problems to prevail again, and guaranteed the continued success of newly re-chartered chapter.

Of the aforementioned alumnus members present were Texas entrepreneur and Long Purple Line member David Morgan, Sr., University professor, Scott Roach and City Councilman Jack McCain.

"It's great to see that all this work has paid off. When nationals come down and you do get to initiate, it says a lot for your chapter, and I'm very proud to be a part of this fraternity," Josh Green, chartering secretary said.

Also at the celebration Virginia Dixon was named as the latest Rose Queen of Pi Kappa Phi.

Photo by Wesley Long Breeden

Members of rechartered Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, Joe McGowan, Shawn T. Hornsby and Chris Baker hold the original charter from 1956, which was presented Saturday at their chartering banquet.

"This group is made up of some really great guys who want to make a positive change on our campus," Dixon said.

"Their hard work and determination has truly paid of and I am proud to be associated with such a great group of guys and am honored to be their rose," Dixon said.

Figley challenged his members to live certain ideals of the fraternity.

Among the ideals he touched on were commitment, conviction, ingenuity, humility, tradition and most importantly passion.

He challenged his men to treasure the gift of being "identified with a group of men that are proud to be gentleman."

The original Beta Omicron chapter that was chartered in 1956 disbanded in 1982.

University librarians to host chat sessions

News Bureau

As a supplement to library instruction material being delivered through e-mail, the Watson Library reference librarians will appear in a chat room to answer questions about that week's lessons and general questions about library resources and services.

The library recently announced plans to deliver instruction materials to University computer users via e-mail. A message will be delivered each Monday for six weeks, outlining what information is available in the library and how to find that information.

Each message covers a different topic and is approximately two pages in length. The messages will teach students how to search the on-line catalog, electronic databases and the Internet — basic skills which will save time during research projects. Other lessons will include fundamental library information, scholarly vs. popular journals and locating subject-specific sources.

The chat room, which is sponsored by anexa.com, can be accessed through the library's web page by going to http://www.nsula.edu/watson_library/chat.html and following the link to the chat room.

Registration for anexa.com services is not required to chat anonymously.

The chat schedule for this semester is Infotrac web with Linda Cox, Feb. 15 from 10-11 a.m. and Feb. 17 from 3-4 p.m.; subject resources with Jeff Tomlinson, Feb. 23 from 2-3 p.m. and Feb. 24 from 9-10 a.m.; scholarly vs. popular journals with Abbie Landry, Feb. 29 from 10-11 a.m. and March 4 from 3-4 p.m.; and evaluating web resources with Gail Kwak, March 7 from 10-11 a.m. and March 9 from 3-4 p.m.

During the next few semesters, librarians from other departments of the library will be available in the forum to address questions and concerns.

For more information, call Gail Kwak at (318) 357-4466.

Security: New system to be approved by March

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Aside from alarm abuse, Blair said many door alarms are out of operation as a result of worn-out hardware.

In an article on dorm security in the Sept. 28, 1999, issue of the Current Sauce, Blair stated the University was "working on the problem" by bidding out for an upgraded dorm security system.

As stated in the article, "That is all part of the bid out, which is supposed to be done by the first of December," Blair said. "All of the door sensors will be tied into the new system."

Blair recently corrected himself and the bid-out will now be approved by March, of 2000.

"The system we have now is out of date," Blair said. "The new system will be a high-tech, silent or sound activated alarm system."

Currently, Rapides hall is the only dorm protected by "high-tech" equipment.

"Because most of the problems, thefts and vandalism occur in Rapides," Prescott said. "We [campus police] have installed cameras."

Approximately 30 video cameras keep Rapides under 24 hour surveillance.

Blair said dorm personnel will monitor security until the new alarm system is installed.

In the meantime, Prescott urges students to remove blocking devices from dorm entrances and notify University police if anyone suspicious is inside of their dorm.

"Everybody has to take a certain amount of responsibility," Prescott said. "So that whenever we use these security systems, we use them for what they're designed for... to keep us secure."

Spring 2000 IM Schedule of Events

Softball Officials Clinic	Mon.-Tues. Feb. 28-29 @ 4
Softball Team Captain's Meeting	Wed. Feb. 29 @ 6pm
Homerun Derby	Wed. March 1 @ 3pm
Softball Jamboree	Thurs. March 2 @ 3pm
Bingo	Wed. March 22 @ 7:30pm
Bench Press Meet	Thurs. Apr. 6 @ 6pm
Team Tennis	Mon. Apr. 12 @ 3pm
Swim Meet	Tues. Apr. 25 @ 3pm
Team Golf	Wed. Apr. 26 @ 2pm

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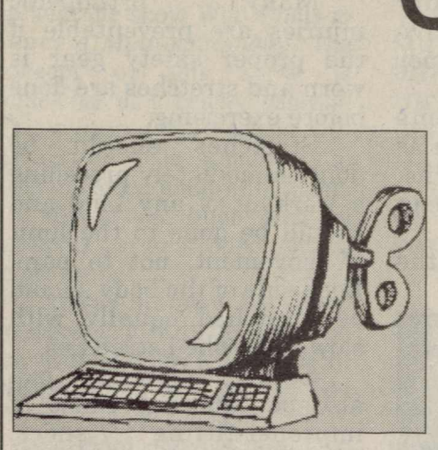

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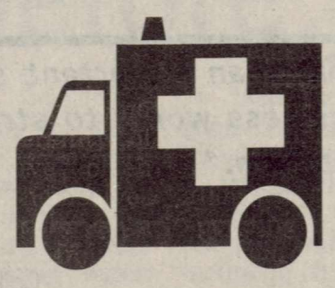

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

Sunny weather, cool breezes and sprained ankles. They all go hand-in-hand.

Unintentional injuries are more common during spring, and the University infirmary is warning students to be careful when heading outdoors.

"People are more prone to have an accident on pretty days," Stephanie Self, R.N. at Health Services, said. "They begin to go rollerblading, going barefoot and sunbathing more often. This causes accidents."

Self said the infirmary has already seen six orthopedic injuries, six cases of insect bites, three cases of burns and various other non-cold related injuries in the past two weeks. She also said they have treated a number of rashes of unexplained origins.

According to the National Safety Council, unintentional injuries continue to be the fifth leading cause of death overall, exceeded only by heart disease, cancer, stroke, and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases. Unintentional injuries rank third in importance behind cancer and heart disease.

Each year, about 2.6 million people are hospitalized for non-fatal injuries and about 37.2 million people are treated in hospital emergency departments. About 60.5 million people — nearly one in four — seek medical attention or suffer at least one day of activity restriction from an injury.

Self urges students to use common sense when pursuing any activity outside.

"Practice good common sense," Self advised. "Don't go barefoot, use sunscreen, don't rollerblade at night, wear safety gear, and come in as soon as possible if you see signs of infection. If we catch it early, we can take care of anything."

One common injury college students receive during spring and summer months is burns.

Although many students do not classify a sunburn as serious, many burns, including sunburns, can lead to infection.

According to the American Red Cross, a first degree burn, which is usually the severity of a sunburn, can be treated by immersing the wound in cold water until the pain lessens. Large or blistered burns should be covered with a dry, sterile dressing.

A second-degree burn, although not as common, is still seen on college campuses because of curling irons, too much sun exposure or cigarettes. They are classified as having large blisters and a wet look. Treatment for a second-degree burn includes the same for a first-degree burn and treating for shock and getting medical help.

According to the National Safety Council, third degree burns are not prominent on college campuses. Third degree burns are extremely deep burns characterized by red, raw skin with white or charred areas.

In third-degree burn cases, clothing should not be removed and medical help should be sought immediately.

Self urges students to keep a tube of antibiotic ointment, such as Neosporin, handy. The ointment prevents infection, decreases healing time and prevents scars. She also said the Health Services nurses will treat any burn and teach the students to properly dress and care for the injury.

Self said sprains and other orthopedic injuries are common on college campuses, but are easily treated. Health services has ace bandages, pain killers for students as well as a pair of crutches students can rent.

According to the American Red Cross, students should use the R.I.C.E. method when treating sprains, strains or dislocations. They should rest, ice the wound, compress the injury with an elastic bandage and elevate the injury.

Severe pain that increases with movement is one sign of an injury.

Others include a snapping or popping sound heard at the time of the injury, swelling, discoloration around the joint or a deformity.

Many orthopedic injuries are preventable if the proper safety gear is worn and stretches are done before exercising.

Stretches should be done immediately preceding a workout of any kind and should be done to the limit of movement, not to pain. Each side of the body should be stretched equally with slow, controlled stretches.

Severe blistering can also be caused because of improper-fitting shoes. Preventing blisters is simple. The National Safety Council recommends wearing clean socks and shoes free of holes that fit properly.

Don't like socks? No problem.

Simply sprinkle powder in the shoe in place of a sock. It prevents excessive moisture from collecting in the shoe, which collects on the outside layer of skin causing blisters.

New shoes should be broken in gradually and not be worn for extended periods of time until they are well adjusted.

Students who lay in the sun on Chaplain's Lake and experience the serenity of the scenery have often awaken to find themselves covered in insect bites, a third major cause of injuries on campus.

Self said insect bites can get infected and should be treated promptly if they are severe. Students should also be aware of any insect allergies they have before spending long amounts of time outdoors, Self said.

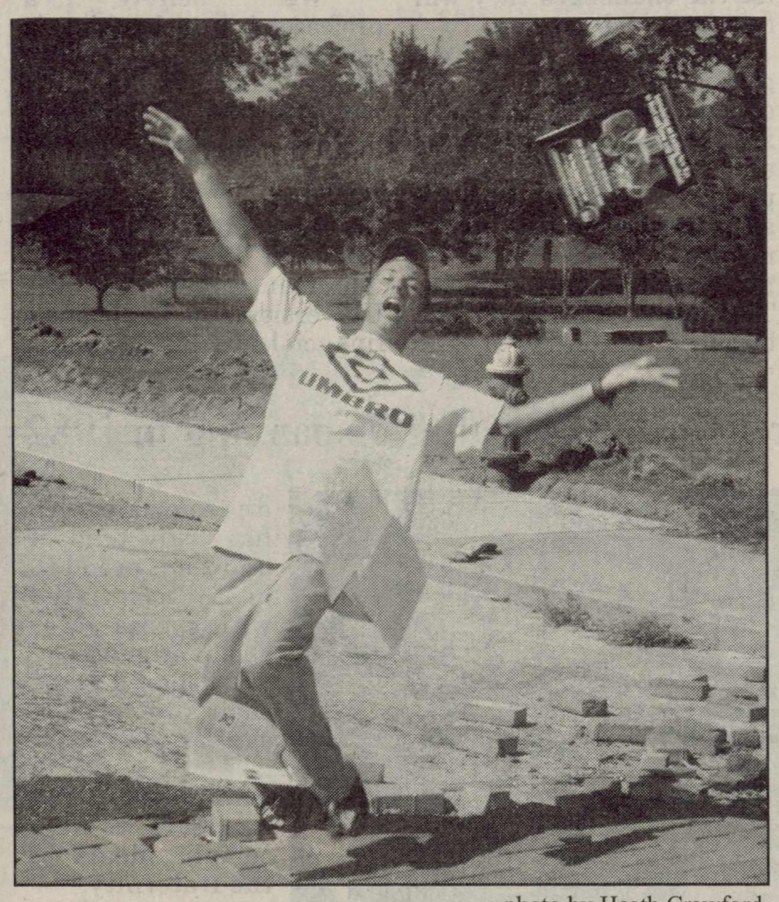

photo by Heath Crawford

Students often have orthopedic injuries, such as sprained ankles because of faulty sidewalks or carelessness. Health Services provides ace bandages and ibuprofen for students. They also offer a set of crutches for students to rent.

Heat Illnesses

Heat Cramps: Heat cramps are muscle pains or spasms - usually abdomen, arms, or legs - that may occur in association with strenuous activity. If you have heart problems or are on a low sodium diet, get medical attention for heat cramps.

Heat Rash: Heat rash looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters. It is more likely to occur on the neck and upper chest, in the groin, under the breasts, and in elbow creases.

Heat Exhaustion: The following are warning signs of heat exhaustion: heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting and fainting. The skin may be cool and moist. The victim's pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke.

Heat Stroke: Heat stroke occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106°F or higher within 10-15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given. The following are warning signals of a heat stroke: an extremely high body temperature (above 103°F, orally), red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating), a rapid, strong pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion and unconsciousness.

Source: CDC Prevention Guide for Emergencies and Disasters

Bruises, Sprains, Strains, Dislocations and Fractures

Bruises: A bruise, or contusion, is caused when blood vessels are damaged or broken as the result of a blow to the skin.

Sprains: A laceration of the ligaments of a joint.

Strains: This injury occurs when the muscles or tendons are stretched or torn.

Dislocation: Bone ends that have pulled or pushed away from each other at the joint.

Fracture: A break, rupture or crack of the bone of cartilage.

Source: The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language and The National Safety Council

Burns

1st Degree: In a first-degree burn, only the epidermis is affected. These injuries are characterized by redness and pain; there are no blisters, and edema (swelling due to the accumulation of fluids) in the wounded tissue is minimal. A classic example of a first-degree burn is moderate sunburn.

2nd Degree: The damage in a second-degree burn extends through the entire epidermis and part of the dermis. These injuries are characterized by redness and blisters. Unless they become infected, most superficial second-degree burns heal without complications and with little scarring in 10 to 14 days.

3rd Degree: Third-degree, or full-thickness, burns destroy the entire thickness of the skin. The surface of the wound is leathery and may be brown, tan, black, white, or red. There is no pain, because the pain receptors have been obliterated along with the rest of the dermis.

Electrical Burns: Any significant burn resulting from electricity, requires immediate physician evaluation. These burns often result in serious muscle breakdown, electrolyte abnormalities, and occasionally kidney failure. The actual site of damage can be internal and may not be visible on the skin surface.

Chemical Burn: The treatment for chemical burns is similar to thermal burns except copious amounts of water should be used to irrigate the effected region. Contaminated clothing should be removed. Do NOT attempt to neutralize the burn with a reciprocal chemical. This may cause a chemical reaction that could result in a thermal burn too.

Source: Brittanica.com and National Safety Council

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My Side

MELISSA A. ROBERTSON
FEATURES EDITOR

How many of you love to take off your thick terry- cloth robe, all sleepy-eyed and groggy, to step into a nice, warm, soothing shower?

Well, if you live in Varnado Hall, you've gotten used to the wide-eyed shock of an ice cold shower beating into your flesh.

Does your average day begin with a trek over to Vic's for breakfast, expecting hot biscuits complete with grape jelly, grits, sausage and a tall bottle of orange juice?

Well, too bad. Vic's is probably out of everything except bottles of yummy grape fruit juice.

Do you see a pattern with our housing and meal providers? Because I sure do.

Thus far this semester, I've gotten blasted by a frigid shower four times and have undergone sufferable bouts of heat in my dorm.

I have gone to eat breakfast in Vic's, as is my habit three days-a-week, and have been told that someone forgot to order juice, jelly and damn near everything else - especially a smile from the servers, but I gave up on that a long time ago.

After four years of suffering, I've had enough. Unfortunately, I have to live here for another three months.

But, I refuse to sit around complacently doing nothing, when I paid several hundred dollars to be happy.

If I wanted to live in a hell-hole, I would have joined the military.

Instead, I put my cards on the table, anteed up and decided to go to college, live in a dorm and eat at a cafeteria.

Usually, I am the first to defend those I am now condemning, because I have felt I received close to my money's worth. I do not feel Aramark's prices are too high, as long as I get an adequate amount of food. I don't expect gourmet food, but as long as I get a lot of the food, I'm happy.

My status of satisfaction has changed, however. Now, I am forced to "make do."

This was the response I received last week when I complained about Vic's lack of variety.

Should we make do, when we are essentially the bosses - when we are the ones paying *them* to give *us* what we want?

Should I have to sacrifice a hot shower and "make do" because the housing office does not deem the problem urgent?

Hell no, and no one else should be forced to deal with this either.

Do you share in my complaints? From personal observation, I believe many of you do.

Therefore, I am asking all students to stop "making do," whether it's in their dorm's, the cafeteria's or any other aspect of college life.

My father told me college is what you make of it. I want to make this a place I am happy to call home. I want to make this a place that I feel proud to call my alma mater.

Northwestern's educators have done a good job; it's time for the rest of you guys to hitch up your gear and make me happy.

A&E News in Brief

Who wants to sue a millionaire

Philben

The company that insures ABC's hit Who Wants to Be a Millionaire wants out.

London-based Goshawk Syndicate filed suit in Britain's High Court of Justice on January 24 against Buena Vista Entertainment.

It wants to end its contract with the quiz show because the questions are too easy and the company claims to be at risk of paying out too much prize money.

Under the policy, Goshawk is responsible for paying contestants who win $500,000 or $1 million on the show. ABC is responsible for the first $1.5 million; the insurance company's total losses are limited to $5 million (ABC picks up anything over the $5 mil).

So far, Millionaire has doled out nearly $10 million in prize money.

The insurance company asked the Alphabet Network to increase the difficulty of the questions in December.

Boogie Frights?

Moore

Looks like Julianne Moore is boogying on over to the dinner table for a glass of chianti with Hannibal Lecter.

The publicist for the Oscar-nominated *Boogie Nights* star has confirmed that she is in final negotiations with Universal to play Clarice Starling in Hannibal, the sequel to *The Silence of the Lambs*.

Moore, who's recently drawn raves for her roles in The *End of the Affair* and *Magnolia*, would replace the original Starling, Jodie Foster, who backed out of Hannibal over a scheduling conflict.

Foster, who had voiced misgivings about the sequel's storyline, particularly Starling's character development, opted to direct Claire Danes in the drama Flora Plum instead of reprising her Oscar-winning role.

At various points in the last few weeks Gillian Anderson, Helen Hunt, Cate Blanchett, Angelina Jolie, Hilary Swank and Calista Flockhart were all rumored to be in contention for the Starling role.

The Artist (*of the year*) formerly known as Prince

Symbol

After scoring a gold album with 1999's "Rave Un2 The Joy Fantastic," Prince has learned that he'll be named the "Artist Of The Decade" during the 14th Annual Soul Train Music Awards, which will be handed out at a ceremony next month in Los Angeles.

Even though Prince's '90s albums didn't match the success of his '80s works, he still managed to issue ten records in the past decade, including "Graffiti Bridge," "Diamonds And Pearls," 1992's untitled LP — also known as the "Symbol" record, "Chaos And Disorder," "Emancipation," and "Crystal Ball," among others.

On Thursday night, Montell Jordan and Tamia will host a cocktail party at Paramount Studios in Hollywood to announce all of the nominees for this year's Soul Train Music Awards.

Who exactly is Toby Keith?

A&E Editor's note

Recently, many students have expressed concern over the Student Activities Board's decision to schedule Toby Keith,as the University's "Spring Fling Concert" performer on April 6.

Many students complain that they have never heard of Keith.

In order to lessen student confusion about Keith, the Current Sauce wishes to give an explanation of who he is; the performer and the man behind the music.

Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

Toby Keith, a native of Clinton, Oklahoma, has had six No. 1 hits.

He has had four albums reach gold status and one to go platinum. His first hit, "Should've Been a Cowboy," which debuted in 1993, made Toby Keith a household name.

His follow-up hit "He Ain't Worth Missing", released in June of that same year gained him a spot yet again, in the top five on the billboard chart.

Keith had many hits to follow in 1994 including "A Little Less Talk" and "Wish I Didn't Know Now", which both reached number two on the charts, and "Who's That Man", which reached No. 1.

Many hits in between led to Keith's 1996 smash hit "Does That Blue Moon Ever Shine On You." "Blue Moon" revived Keith's influence on country music as the song soared to number two on the billboard chart. Keith's most recent hits include "Dream Walkin'", released early in 1998, and "Getcha Some", his most recent.

Keith is a man who doesn't showcase his accomplishments, but certainly possesses them.

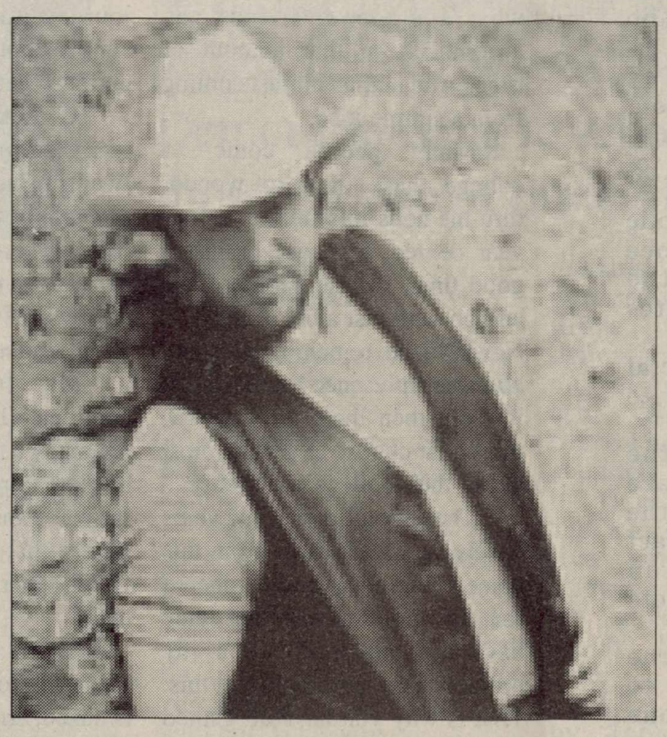
He is recognized as the only entertainer to participate in the rescue mission following the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

This, along with many other accomplishments in the Oklahoma City metro area, led to Keith gaining the Native Son Award, given by the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

Toby Keith, behind the music, could be compared to the typical family man.

He and his wife Tricia live near Oklahoma City and have three children: 18 year-old Shelley, 13 year-old Krystal, and the Keith's new edition, Stelen, who will turn three this year.

Keith is an outdoorsman and gets pleasure through fishing and golf.



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Spring Fling Concert performer Toby Keith is a man of many talents and hits. He will be in concert here on April 6.

Network television spare no expense for network February sweeps period.

Larry Collins
A&E Editor

The best time for television has arrived once again. All of the networks have spared no expense and pulled out all the stops to get enormous ratings for Feb. sweeps.

The sweeps period is a time set aside each year in the months of Feb., May and Nov., when the Nielsen Station Index collects demographic viewing data form selected families around the world. These ratings are used to set the prices for advertising in both local and national markets.

One of the most obvious and ambitious sweeps gimmicks comes from none other than the most watched show of the past few years. *ER* decided that it would be a viewer-grabbing idea to kill off a major and beloved character.

Fans have been tuning in religiously to find out how Kellie Martin's character of Lucy would meet her maker. And even after last week's attack on the characters of Lucy and Noah Wyle's character of Carter, fans are expected to tune-in in droves to watch the lives of two of their favorite characters hang in the balance and the ultimate death of Lucy.

ER has been the most watched show of this sweeps period.

Other NBC shows have also been using some pretty interesting ideas to entice viewers.

A few months ago NBC canceled the popular series *Homicide: Life on the Streets*. After a write-in campaign orchestrated by fans failed, the peacock network decided to appease the public and get huge sweeps ratings by making a *Homicide* movie. The movie brought all of the characters from the original series including ones that had been killed during the run of the show.

NBC also had a crossover between two of its faltering Saturday night dramas.

The Profiler and *The Pretender* had a storyline that crossed the span of both hour long shows and culminated with a kiss and hints at a possible romance in future cross-over episodes that will probably appear around May or Nov. sweeps.

A possible romance was also the catalyst for another popular NBC show.

Will and Grace producers used promotional clips to allude to the idea that its two main characters the homosexual Will and his best friend Grace would begin a romantic relationship.

The Warner Bros. network used the romance trump card to work in their favor during sweeps week.

They decided to let the title characters in its show *Jack and Jill* to final express how they feel about each other consummate their often-troubled relationship.

Over at ABC it seems to be business as usual with the meteoric ratings of Regis Philben's *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*. *Millionaire* is the ratings winner for ABC and is keeping them running neck and neck with NBC and way ahead of CBS.

None of the *Millionaire* upstart shows have really made that big of a dint in the show's ratings. The most successful gameshow during sweeps other than *Millionaire* is the FOX show *Greed*. Last week the midst of sweeps *Greed* gave away 1.4 million dollars, which is the largest amount of money every given for a gameshow.

Fox has also found other ways to cash in on the popularity of *Millionaire*. They have come up with the show *Who Wants to Marry a Multi-millionaire*. The concept of this show is somewhat of a beauty pageant. The winner if the pageant will have an on-air legal marriage to a yet unnamed multi-millionaire.

Movies are often seen by networks as great opportunities to get ratings.

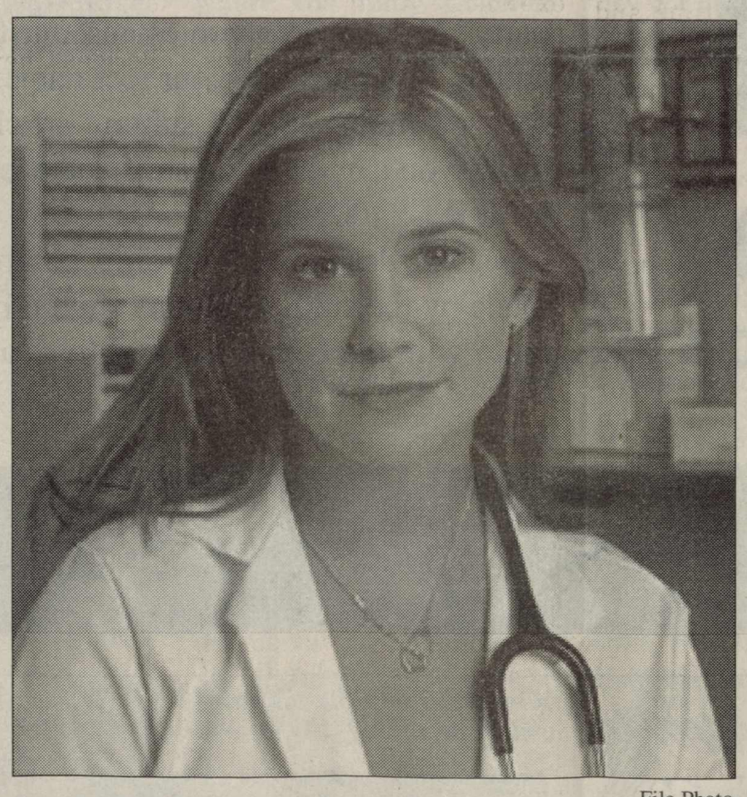
Among the many box office smashes that will be aired on television are the Will Smith hit *Independence Day* and the Jim Carrey comedy *Liar Liar*.

Original movies are also very prominent during this time of year. Both true stories of Jon Benet Ramsey and the relationship between Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings.'

An original movie with a twist was the sweeps movie *Mary and Rhoda*, which followed two of the main characters from the 70s show *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*.

Even cartoons such as the Simpsons got into the act with a "Who gets killed episode" where beloved character Maude Flanders dies.

As of now NBC is the leader of the February sweeps circus.



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Kellie Martin's character of Lucy's death is helping *ER* win in February Sweeps. Other shows like *ER* are pulling out

Web Site of the Week
www.bored.com

Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

The web site of the week, www.bored.com, offers easy access to links to make never-ending days that feel useless seem a little bit more bearable.

It offers everything from 'on-line bubble wrap', which lets you pop the habit-forming object just like in real life, to an 'if they mated' page, a parody from the Conan O'Brien Show on NBC, which "digitally" pairs up a couple of celebrities and gives a hilarious photograph of what their child would look like. Personally, the site proved to be very enjoyable and could easily be bookmarked as a favorite of many.

Among the other entertaining sites of the page include an online jigsaw puzzle which allows one to put together a 30+ piece puzzle. But wait, though, that's not it.

That's right, bored.com the site with the slogan "have some fun on the Internet" offers many more pages to do exactly that. It showcases a list of thousands of jokes, sorted by category, that are sure to keep you laughing.

If that doesn't do the trick, check out the 'twisted tunes' page, which turns your favorite top forty hits into hilarious parodies.

Here, you won't hear Alanis Morisiette's "One Hand in My Pocket", but rather DJ bob Rivers' "One Hand in a Light Socket." None of the lyrics are very vulgar, and the page offers just one more way to have a great time on bored.com.

Though this site is great, there are some pages that do disappoint. Don't bother yourself checking out "The Birthday Database."

It sounds exciting but seems to give no accurate results. The three times that the Current Sauce staff attempted to look up birthdays on the database, the search found either incorrect results or no results at all. Also on the checklist of things NOT to check out is the "Questions to Ponder Page."

Unless you are a young child, the remarks and theoretical questions that are asked are just too juvenile for the taste of college students.

All in all, though, www.Bored.com offers great fun to make those rainy days better.

ASK THE EXPERTS

"Ask the Experts" is your chance to ask us any questions about the entertainment field that you may have. Any and all questions are welcome and will be answered in this section each week.Your questions will be printed and answered by the experts. All questions answered will be chosen by the A&E editor, but not all submissions will be accepted. All questions should be sent to currentsauce@hotmail.com or brought to room 225 Kyser Hall.

What ever happened to Hootie and the Blowfish?

Wes Breeden
Sophomore

Hootie and the Blowfish

This is a common question these days.

The Grammy winning group for Best New Artist are still together.

Hootie and the Blowfish are still working hard to give their fans music.

In fact fans of the group will have the chance to see them March 3 in New Orleans in concert.

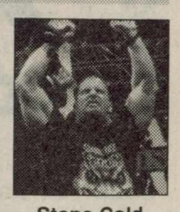
Front man Darius Rucker happens to be working on a solo project. Rucker's new project will be different from what most Hootie fans are used to.

His new album will surprisingly be an R&B album that is scheduled for release at the beginning of the summer.

For more information on the group go to www.hootie.com

When is Stone Cold Steve Austin going to wrestle again?

John Blair
Senior



Stone Cold

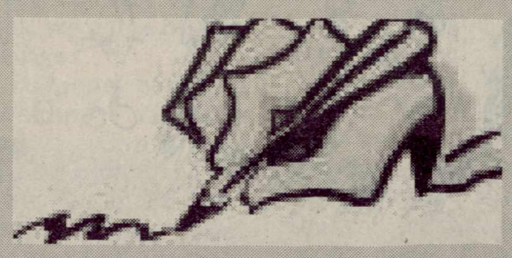
The Texas Rattle Snake is recovering from a 3-hour Jan. 17 neck operation, to repair bone spurs that were protruding into his spinal cord. The injury is the result of a botched wrestling move from 1997 which left Austin partially paralyzed for several minutes.

Austin wrestled with the injury up until this November when the pain from the injury became too much to bear.

The surgery was a successful and the WWF hopes to have Stone Cold back in the ring by June or at the latest August, in time for the federation's second biggest pay-per-view of the year, SummerSlam.

If all goes according to plan, Stone Cold will be raising hell in no time.

Have you ever thought about writing for the A&E page?



If so call357-5456 or come by room 225 in Kyser Hall.

EDITORIALS

Marginalia

Attention to all students!!!

I hope you realize the appraoching mayor's race in Natchitoches will have an affect on you.

Whether you believe it or not, the mayor's race is important to NSU.

The University works with the city on several different projects and the two feed off of each other. Without the city, NSU would suffer and without NSU the city would suffer.

You should not feel compelled to participate in every civic project in town, but you should feel compelled to learn what you can about the next mayor of this city.

The candidates for this race include city councilmen Wayne McCullen and John Winston. McCullen also works at the hospital and Winston serves the University as the vice president of university affairs.

Also in the race is Pat Todd Jr. a former city councilman and a local business owner. Luther 'Butch' LeVasseur, another local business owner and Jackson Jones a local law enforcement officers are also running for office.

All of the candidates have strong qualities but only one will be best for you and the University.

Remember these men will govern over the future of downtown area and its development as well as increased pay for the fire and police department.

IN order to bring this election closer to the University, a forum has been scheduled for next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the TV studio in Kyser Hall.

The forum is sponsored by Student Government Association, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the students of News 22.

The forum is open to the public and student body. Audience members will be given the opportunity to ask the candidates questions.

Dr. Greg Granger of the social science department has agreed to moderate the forum.

It is important to let the candidates know that you are involved and concerned with the future of the town. Despite the fact that many of you will stay in Natchitoches, you can still vote here.

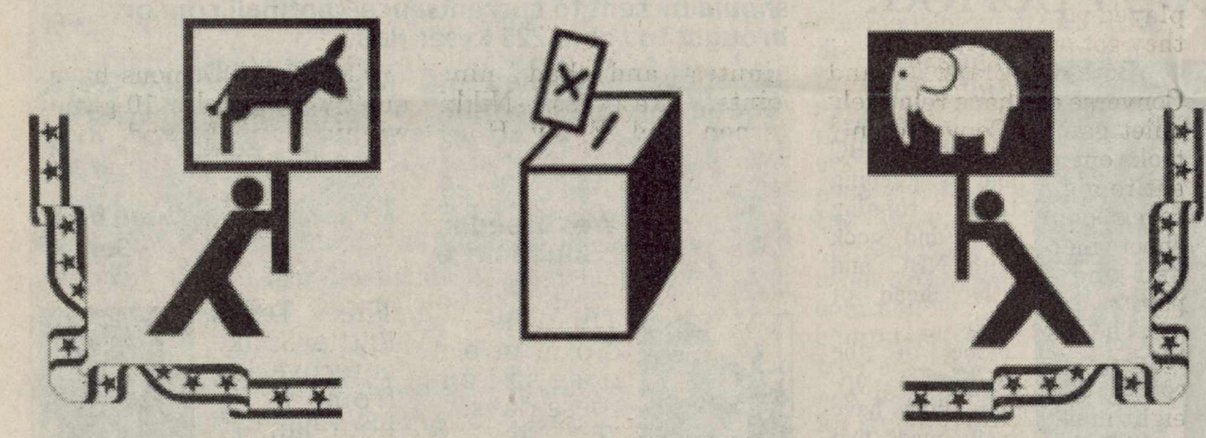
Another proposed sectin of the format allows each candidate to ask another candidate one question.

If you have any questions, about the forum or if you would like to email in questions please feel free to contact me at 357-5384 or currentsauce@hotmail.com.

The candidates are taking time to make themselves available so take a few minutes to hear what they have to say.

Faculty this goes double for all of you.

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor



Speech at rechartering

The following is the speech delivered at the rechartering banquet of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity by Wes Breeden. The charter was presented to Breeden by National President J. Patrick Figley. The fraternity first chartered in 1956.

One year. It is truly amazing what a group of friends can accomplish in that amount of time. And in that, all just coming from a simple joke.

Many people come to college these days to wonder thru the halls in search of a four year degree, a spouse or just a good time. These people come and go with just a bat of the eye. Never to be remembered again after their presence has left us.

But then there are the few, those that choose to get the most out of their college experience.

They spend there four years wisely, and walk away from this place being always remembered for the great things that they have accomplished. You my brothers have accomplished this. That is why you have all gained the title of founding fathers.

For my brothers it has been a long year, and a long and winding road. Sometimes the road has been rough, full of problems and challenges that face us. In this to keep us safe, we learned to use the one thing that we all hold common. And that one thing is brotherhood. There were many days along our journey that we could have simply thought that is was not going to get any better.

Together we laughed; we learned, and felt a love from twenty-nine guys that were previously strangers in all of our lives. The only thing that could have made this year as joyous as it was, is one thing. Brotherhood.

My friends, today our complete Greek system is under attack by a force that we often do not like to recognize. That force is you, and our brothers and sisters that choose to wear the Greek letters of a different name and I.

Every time, someone that belongs to our Greek community is hazed, arrested, or even worse, dies, a little more of what being Greek means, is taken away from us. Causing the out side world to think less and less of these ideals that we hold sacred.

My brothers in the past year you worked hard and have set standards to show our campus, and our community that you can be a Greek, a gentlemen, and a Christian all at the same time. For this we sould all be proud.

But my brothers, we must not stop there. We must work harder than ever before to break down the reputation and stereotype of the typical Greek and set an even higher standard so that others can follow. This is not an easy task, but as brothers we can achieve this together. For this is what I leave as a challenge to us all.

It has truly been a long year, but every second of the work was worth it, you can tell by the looks on our faces. There is much thanks and gratitude that we owe tonight.

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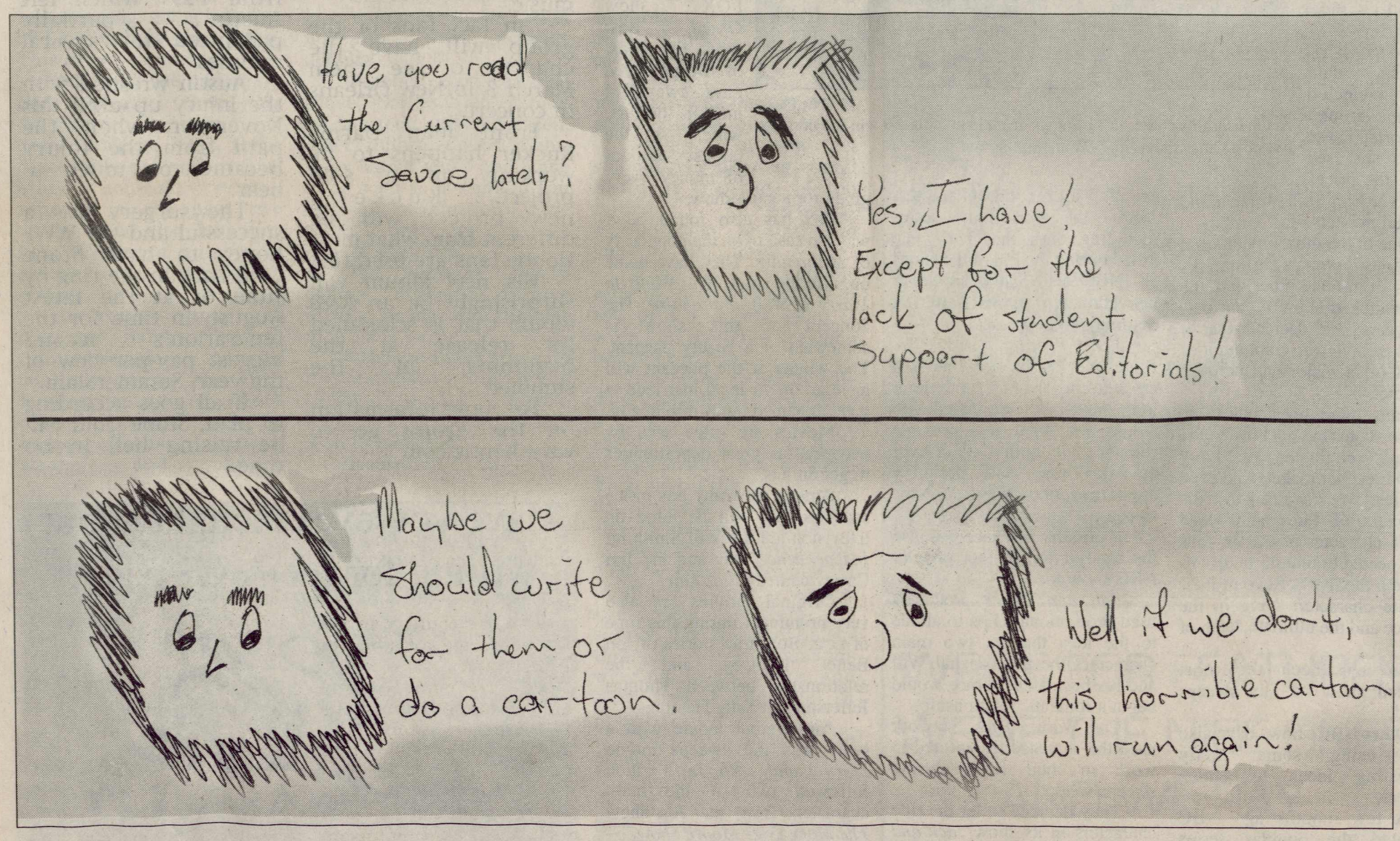

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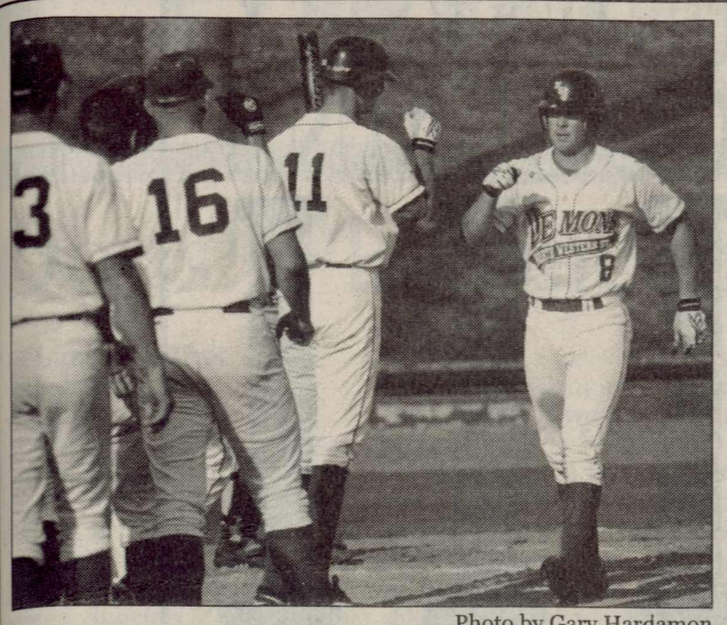

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Designated hitter Chris Phillips meets his Demon teammates at homeplate after hitting a homerun against LSUS last Wednesday. The Demons were victoriuos over LSUS 8-1.

Demon Diamond Stats

LSU-Shreveport vs. Northwestern (Feb. 9)

LSU-Shreveport	000	000	100 -	1	8	1
Northwestern	012	140	00X -	8	11	0

WP-Luna (1-0) LP-Constant (1-1)

Note: Both Jordan Robison and Chris Phillips hit a homerun.

Northwestern vs. Nebraska (Rice Tourney Feb. 11)

Northwestern	203	000	003 -	8	16	5
Nebraska	104	010	000 -	6	12	3

WP-Stout (1-1) LP-Schneider (0-1)

Arkansas St. vs. Northwestern (Rice Tourney Feb. 12)

Arkansas St.	000	101	001 -	3	8	2
Northwestern	001	063	00X -	10	13	1

WP-Slanina (1-0) LP-Self (0-1)

Note: Jason Slanina went all nine innings. Buddy Proctor hit his first homerun.

Northwestern vs. Rice (Rice Tourney Feb. 12)

Northwestern	000	001	010 -	2	8	1
Rice	040	100	20X -	7	9	1

WP-Baugh (1-0) LP-Glidewell (1-2)

Note: Clifton Glidewell gave up seven runs off of nine hits. Only three runs were earned. Tyler Dunlap and Demathdian Tate homered in the game.

DEMON SCHEDULES

TENNIS 2-20 NSU vs. New Orleans (2:00)

TRACK 2-8 through 2-19 Indoor Track and Field SLC Championships @ Houston

BASEBALL 2-16 NSU vs. Nicholls St. (6:30) 2-18 NSU vs. Centenary (4:30) 2-19 NSU vs. Missouri (12:00) 2-20 NSU vs. Arkansas-LR (2:30)

SOFTBALL 2-19 through 2-20 @ Mississippi St. Classic

BASKETBALL 2-17 NSU @ SWTS DH (5:45)

Demons looking to rebound after dropping two of three SLC games

Cade Brumley
Sauce Reporter

The University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks come away with a 78-77 victory over Northwestern State in Southland Conference play Thursday night.

After missing his first three shots in 11 minutes of play, Maverick Steve Barber knocked down the game winning 3-point basket with 4-seconds remaining in the game to seal the UTA win.

Northwestern then called a time-out and designed a play for guard Richard Taylor to get another game winning opportunity. As Taylor drove the lane, UTA defenders knocked the ball out of his hands and no other Demon could gain control before the final horn sounded.

"I can't be upset with the way we played. I can live with this outcome knowing the kind of effort we gave," Demon head coach Mike McConathy said.

UTA was led in scoring by Jabari Johnson, Bill Washington, and Keith Greene who each scored 16 on the night.

Northwestern had 10 players to score at least five points. NSU was led in scoring by Taylor who netted 16 points and sealed 11 rebounds. Also Chris Thompson contributed 8 points and 11 rebounds.

UTA snapped a two-game NSU win streak. With the loss, the Demons fell out of fourth place in the Southland Conference (11-10, 7-5).

Last Saturday, the Demons took on Sam Houston State at Sam Houston. The Demons lost the match up with the final score of 50-60.

Will Burks led the Demons in scoring with 19 points.

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James Smith gets 250th win as Lady Demons crush Nicholls, 95 - 67

Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The Nicholls State Lady Colonels raced out to a 5-2 lead with 18:14 left in the first half.

That was the point where the Lady Colonels peaked.

Louise Chase's career-high 30 points and 13 rebounds helped the Lady Demons cruise to a 95-67 win Monday night. The win was also head coach James Smith's 250th victory.

"It's about the players," Smith said after the game. "I haven't won the first game. These young ladies are the ones who deserve all of the credit."

One of the key "young ladies" Smith referred to was Chase, who basically had her way against Nicholls' triangle-and-two defense. Chase hit 13 of 19 field goals and had 10 defensive rebounds. Jennifer Graf continued to shine for the Lady Demons, adding 14 points and two steals.

"We knew they would key in on Judy (Clark) and Kia (Converse), so we ran an offense where Chase and Graf would have a big night," Smith said. "They played the averages and they got burned."

Both Clark and Converse did have relatively quiet games. Converse only took one 3-point shot the entire night and only scored seven points. Clark would shoot more in the second half and finished with 12 points.

The Lady Demons, who lead the Southland conference in steals, added eight more to the total.

After retaking the lead 8-7 with 16:56 left in the first half, the Lady Demons blew the game wide open. NSU (20-3, 13-1) shot 51% from the field and held a 45-27 halftime lead. Chase would make four out of seven free throws and add six assists as well as a block.

Every Lady Demon played in and scored in the game.

"I though our bench players did a very good job last night," Smith said. "I thought Kiki Junior did a very good job off of the bench these last two games."

Junior played 17 minutes and had nine points. Reserves Nikki Vernon and Emily Huey contributed with tough defensive pressure. Vernon would add two blocks to go with her two points and Huey established a presence in the paint, scoring four before fouling out.

The most interesting statistic of the night; the Lady Demons, ranked 10th in the nation in 3-point shooting percentage, only took two 3-point attempts in the first half. NSU finished the game only attempting eight and making three.

The Lady Colonels had three players score 12 points, Katie Schreiter, Tiffany Nearing and Latasha Peterson. Nicholls shot 36% from the field and made three of 11 three-pointers.

"Defensively we're not where we need to be," Smith added. "Opposing teams are penetrating with the dribble and we have to improve on that.

The Lady Demons have quietly compiled a 10-game winning streak, and with last night's win, the Lady Demons have their 6th 20-win season in the past nine years. The Lady Demons have two road games against Southwest Texas and Texas-San Antonio before the big rematch against Stephen F. Austin next Thursday.

Smith says it won't be a challenge keeping his team focused.

" We are really gonna try to put it together these next two games," Smith said. "Our team is smart enough to know that one loss makes the game against Stephen F. Austin meaningless."

Demons ranked 17th nationally by TrackWire

Sports Information

Led by All-American Kenta Bell, the Northwestern State men's indoor track and field team is ranked 17th nationally by TrackWire, a publication predicting team standings at next month's NCAA Indoor Championship.

Bell, a senior from Kilgore, Texas, has marks that rank second nationally in the triple jump (53-10 1/2) and third in the long jump (26-3 3/4).

His projected scoring at the NCAA Championships is the primary factor in Northwestern's national ranking, said veteran Demon coach Leon Johnson.

TrackWire ranks the nation's collegiate teams based on their national rankings in each event.

Defending men's NCAA champion Arkansas is the number one team in the TrackWire poll, followed by Stanford, Florida, Auburn, Clemson, SMU, and a tie for seventh between LSU, Texas and South Alabama.

Baylor is 10th, followed by a tie for 11th between Alabama and TCU, South Carolina at No. 13, Wisconsin and Nebraska tied for 14th, Wyoming in 16th, and a tie for 17th between Michigan, Oklahoma and Northwestern. Tied for 20th in the poll are Missouri and Tennessee.

"That's some pretty good company to be keeping," said Johnson. "The rankings system takes into consideration the depth of your team and how you are projected to score at the national meet. With Kenta being second and third in the country in his two events, we got a big lift in the ratings."

The Demons compete this weekend in the Southland Conference Indoor Championships at Houston beginning Friday.

"Kenta is our best performer but not our only good one," said Johnson. "We are excited about the possibilities for our team at the conference meet."

Northwestern won the 1998 SLC Indoor men's team title and the 1999 SLC Outdoor men's championship.

Bell wins SLC award for second time this year

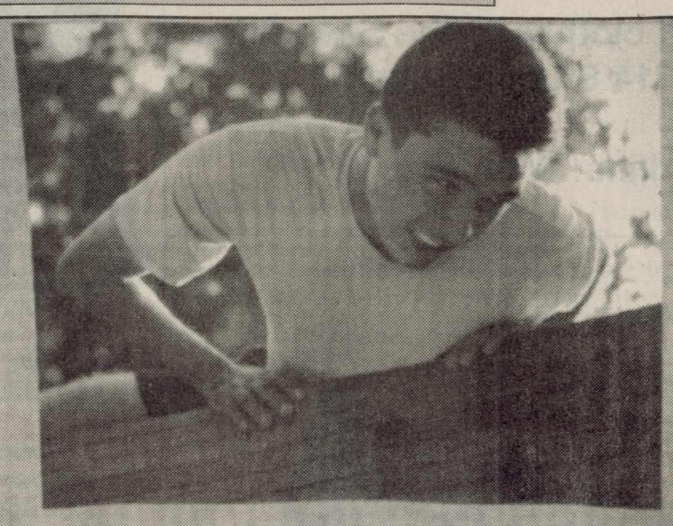
Northwestern State senior All-American Kenta Bell, who is ranked in the top three nationally in the long jump and the triple jump, has been named the ASICS Southland Conference Male Track and Field Athlete of the Week.

For the second time this year, Bell recorded one of the top three marks in SLC history — in a second event.

Last Saturday at Missouri Southern, he posted the third-best long jump in SLC Indoor history, and the nation's number three mark this season, by going 26-3 3/4. It was nearly a foot longer than his previous best.

Arkansas All-American Melvin Lister won with a national-best 26-10. Bell, whose collegiate career ends with this indoor season, earlier posted the second-best triple jump in SLC Indoor history (53-10 1/2) at the Houston Invitational, a mark that ranks second nationally this season.

He did not compete in the triple jump Saturday.



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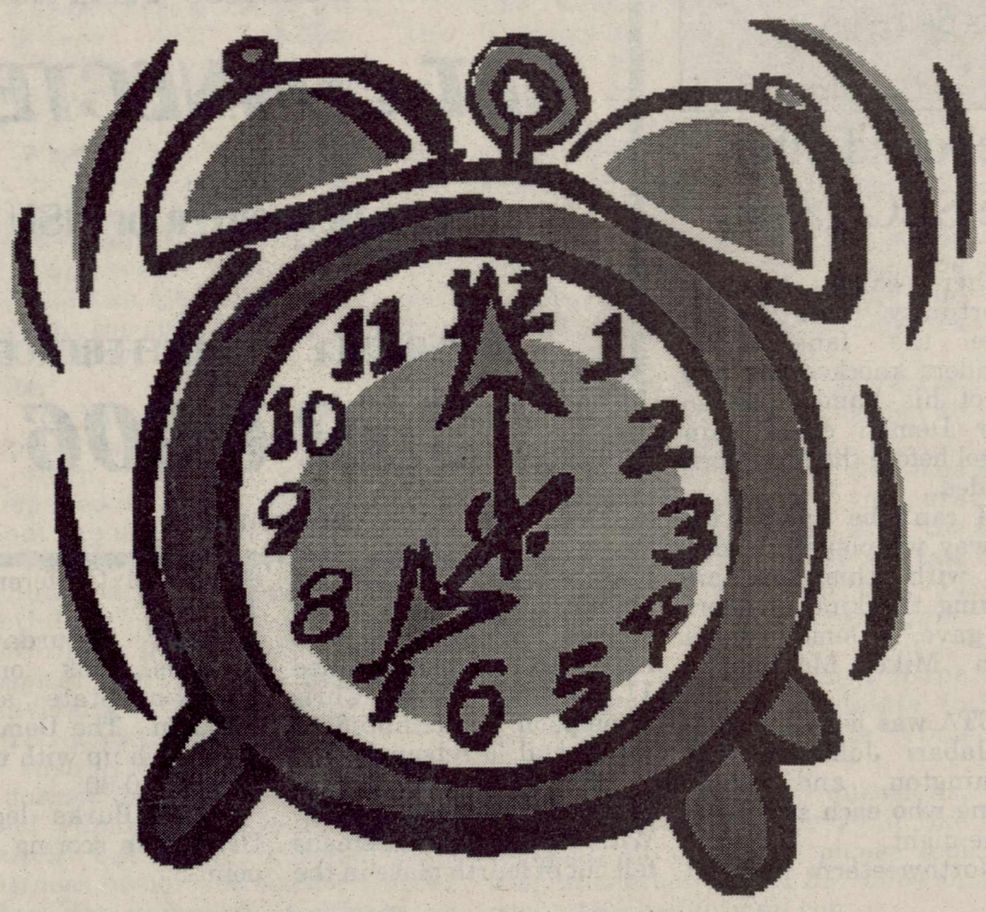

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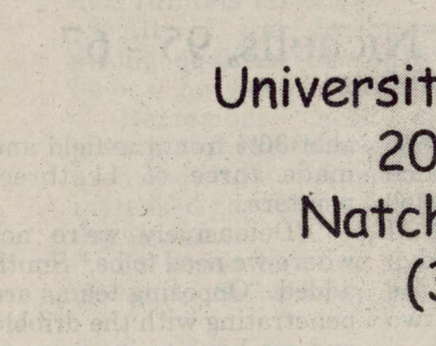

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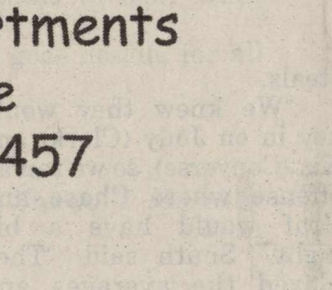

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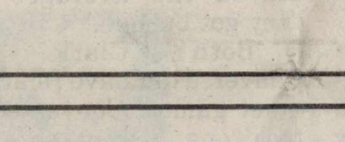

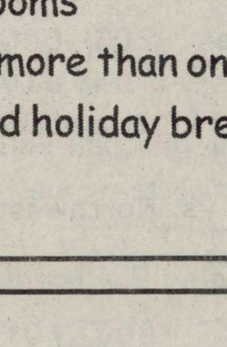

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Oops! Plaisance named Miss LOB after scoring error

By Larry Collins
A&E Editor

Three weeks after Amber Rhyne was crowned Miss Lady of the Bracelet 2000, student activities organizers realized a miscalculation of scores caused Sabrina Plaisance to be named this year's true queen.

In a statement to the press Friday, Director of Student Activities Carl P. Henry said, "The Miss Northwestern-Lady of the Bracelet pageant has been conducted here for 41 years, and the event has been a Miss America preliminary for nearly 30 years."

"Nothing like this has ever occurred in the history of the pageant," Henry said. "I express sincere apologies on behalf of the university and the Miss America organization to the two young ladies who were affected by the error and their families and friends."

Lady of the Bracelet Chair Sarah Griffith explained that a six-point discrepancy made the difference between Plaisance being queen and first runner-up.

"This is one of those freak things that happened... it was not really anyone's fault," she said.

After the last event of the Jan. 28 pageant, the accounting firm of Hines Jackson and Hines in Natchitoches miscalculated when adding the scores of the seven contestants.

At press time, the firm was not available for comment.

Suzanna Deshotel, director of the Student Activities Board, said the tabulation process is the same every year. The firm tabulates the scores and goes over them before sending them to the Miss Louisiana system in a report.

"All the judges do is write down their scores... and after each event, they carry over all the numbers," she said.

"At the last event, they carried over the wrong number," Deshotel continued.

The last event was the evening gown competition, which Plaisance won.

Rhyne won the talent award and the Liz Carroll

Rhyne

Plaisance

People's Choice Award that night.

The error was found approximately a week after the pageant, but it was recommended that no action be taken until President Randall Webb returned to campus.

"We wish that the whole thing wouldn't have happened and that we could have handled it in a timelier manner ... it would have made things a little better," Deshotel said.

Deshotel said there will be a formal reception in a couple of weeks to make the transition from Rhyne to Plaisance.

"We want to do what we can to make it special for Sabrina because she did miss out on her night," Deshotel said.

According to Deshotel, both girls will receive the usual full-paid scholarship, meal plan and book voucher that is awarded to the queen.

"We are going to look at our funds and look at funds around campus," Deshotel said. "No matter what, if we have to scrounge pennies, we will [find money], because it's not fair to Amber."

Plaisance, who happens to be roommates with Rhyne, said it is unfortunate that the mishap occurred, but she is extremely excited and happy to be Miss LOB.

"We are good friends, and we both feel that everything happens for a reason ... it worked out in the aspect that we both got full-paid scholarships for next semester," Plaisance said.

"They are finding a way to give both of us scholarships and that is an awesome thing," Plaisance said.

Rhyne chose not to comment and directed all questions to the office of student activities, saying that she was not ready to comment.

Griffith said the original scholarship that Plaisance will receive is funded through the University, Aramark and Wallace's Bookstore.

Deshotel said University officials are hoping to send both students to the Miss Louisiana pageant this summer in Monroe.

Deshotel said Plaisance will represent the University as Miss LOB at the Miss Louisiana pageant, and Rhyne will probably be something to the effect of Miss Northwestern.

She said Henry called Miss America officials to find out what should be done and what the proper course of events should be.

Deshotel said that it is now time to move on and remedy the situation for upcoming years.

"We are still very confidant in our pageant, our main concern is Amber and Sabrina ... we are trying to make this as easy of an transition for both of them," she said.

Plaisance feels the University has been very accommodating considering the situation.

"Northwestern has been more than accommodating to make sure that Amber and I are extremely comfortable with what happened," Plaisance said. Plaisance predicts that next year at Miss. LOB "they will be a little more careful and double check and triple check everything and make sure that everything is perfect."

Mayoral debate to be held tonight in Kyser Hall

By Josh Beavers
Managing Editor

Several University organizations will sponsor a political forum tonight in Studio A in Kyser Hall.

The Current Sauce, Student Government Association, "News 22" and Society of Professional Journalists are sponsoring tonight's forum, which will begin at 7 p.m. in Studio A in Kyser Hall.

The five Natchitoches mayoral candidates are scheduled to participate in tonight's forum.

Mayoral candidates include Natchitoches City Council members Wayne McCullen and John Winston, Natchitoches business people Butch LeVasseur and Pat Todd Jr. and Jackson Jones, a police officer in the village of Natchez.

The primary election is set for March 14, and the general election is scheduled for April 15.

The public is invited to attend the forum.

Moderator for tonight's forum is Greg Granger, professor of political science. Granger will ask each candidate a series of questions, but the audience will be allowed to ask their own questions.

The forum will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and will be aired several times throughout the next few weeks.

Shawn Hornsby, SGA president and *Current Sauce* editor, said the forum will be an excellent way for area politicians to know college students are concerned about their communities.

"We hope to let the candidates know that students are involved in local government, and they are listening to what they have to say," he said.

Photo courtesy of Luke Hudnall

Sophomore CIS major Luke Hudnall, shown in the picture in Honduras, is one of several University students who are in the military. He enlisted in the National Guard at the age of 17.

Student warriors share life experiences

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

From basic training to actual assignments, four University students have experienced life in a way they said civilians would not understand.

"Most students can't imagine what it's like to go through it [basic training]," Heath Crawford, senior public relations major and ex-Marine, said.

Crawford said basic training for Marines lasts for 13 weeks, the longest of all branches of the military. He said the enlistees were mentally and physically torn down and then molded into a Marine.

Crawford said he never thought about joining the Marines until his best friend, who later became his brother-in-law, became interested.

After bringing his friend to a recruiter and listening, Crawford soon enlisted at the age of 17 through the Delayed Entry Program.

Like Crawford, sophomore CIS major, Luke Hudnall, also enlisted at the age of 17. However, Hudnall enlisted with the National Guard.

"I always wanted to do it," Hudnall said.

He said he initially wanted to join the Marines, but later decided it wasn't for him.

Hudnall said some people broke down during basic training and even attempted suicide.

"The first two weeks were hell," Hudnall said.

On the contrary, gradate student Susie Kuilan, said boot camp in the Army Reserve was not as hard as she thought it would be.

However, Kuilan said the training she underwent to become an officer was much harder than she expected.

Still, the training these soldiers received allowed them unique opportunities.

"I was responsible for millions of dollars of equipment," Crawford said. "There aren't many places where you are given that much responsibility."

Crawford said he mostly worked with ammunition and assembled various types of explosives in numerous locations throughout the states.

Hudnall chose to work in Honduras to provide relief to the victims of mudslides and hurricanes.

He said although the victims were left with little or no worldly possessions, they still remained optimistic.

"They were without things I take for granted, but were still happy," Hudnall said.

Kuilan said her great feat in the military was the opportunity to become airborne certified, which meant parachuting out of a plane at least five times.

Kuilan said her response to the chance was, "What the hell! Why not?"

In contrast, graduate student Heather Conrad's experience involved singing for an Air Force band. Unlike the others, Conrad was heard singing by someone from an Air Force band and offered an audition.

She was accepted into the band and began Air Force basic training.

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Proposed agreement could increase opportunities for the military and civilians

Sauce Staff

A proposed agreement between Northwestern State University and Central Texas College could be one of NSU's first steps to further educational opportunities for the military.

If all goes according to plan, NSU could soon sign and agreement with Central Texas College, and institution that already provides courses at Fort Polk.

It would allow Fort Polk soldiers who transfer to other military bases to get their degrees from NSU. And Fort Polk soldiers who are already taking classes at Central Texas College's Fort Polk campus would be able to transfer their credits to Northwestern.

By signing the agreement, both parties would agree to promote the programs offered by the college or university.

Degree programs considered at this time are criminal justice and general studies. Future consideration will be given to degree offerings in management, computer information systems and social studies.

The agreement is a "good fit" for Northwestern, said University of Louisiana System President Bobby Jindal.

Two factors, he said, make this agreement a smart move for NSU.

CTC, a community college, already serves about 200,000 students and has courses that would be complimentary to those offered by NSU. CTC offers courses all over the world.

Jindal and NSU officials met with CTC representatives Tuesday. However, the agreement wasn't signed because the CTC chancellor was unable to attend.

Creighton Owen, executive director of the NSU Leesville/Fort Polk campus said both parties approved he proposal and it should be signed soon.

"I thought it went real, real well," Owen said. "It could be a real exciting thing."

Owen said NSU officials are looking forward to working on the agreement and will strive to make it a success.

Jindal said there would be no duplication of courses in the agreement because CTC only offers courses for the first two years of college.

Not only will the agreement help NSU expand globally, but it will also provide better educational opportunities for soldiers and their families, he said.

Many times, he said, soldiers may start a degree program at Fort Polk but are unable to continue once they are transferred to another military installation.

This agreement, Jindal explained, would allow those soldiers to continue their education and would also serve the needs of soldiers who may never come to Louisiana but want to take Northwestern's courses.

This first year will be dedicated to getting the agreement in place and serving Louisiana, he said. The second step will be to better serve those soldiers coming from Fort Polk to other military posts, and the final step will be for NSU to serve the military on a global scale-even to those who may never come to Louisiana.

"This is a first step, and we want to make this one work successfully," Jindal said.

Similar agreements could be made with other institutions if the one with CTC proves successful. Jindal said the university is looking at four or five other institutions that are similarly positioned.

Alumni speak on 'Management in the New Millennium'

By Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

The 34th Annual J. Walter Porter Forum was held on Wednesday, Feb. 16 in the David Morgan Auditorium in Russell Hall at NSU.

This year's lecture was entitled "Management in the New Millennium".

The three chosen to speak this year were chosen because they have adapted well to change and have provided outstanding leadership for firms and for individuals in changing times.

The first speaker was Brad Peveto. He served as the Defensive Coordinator for the "Purple Swarm" defense at NSU. For the 1998 season, his defense helped the Demons capture the Southland Conference crown and progress to the Division 1-AA Semi-finals.

He grabbed the attention of the audience by asking those who want to be successful in the business world to stand up.

He continued by saying the reason why he coaches is the huddle.

"I like the huddle because of what it stands for....unity and purpose," Peveto said. "Race doesn't play in the huddle. If society had huddles like that, there wouldn't be all the hate and crime."

Peveto encouraged everyone to make "huddles" in the business sector.

Peveto concluded by leaving the students with the Ten Commandments of Human Relations.

The second speaker, Don Fields, is a personal trainer and motivator extraordinaire. He helps individual clients adapt to constant change in their environment. Fields was asked to come back for a second time because he is such a dynamic speaker.

Fields began by reading from the book of Ephesians which speaks of of the owner is to treat the employer and vice versa.

"Everything you do, remember the Lord is watching," Fields said.

Fields said to make sure to do the best at whatever you do because someone is going to notice.

The last speaker was Guy Barr. Barr has had a successful coaching and teaching career for seven years before becoming a State Farm agent in 1972 in Baton Rouge.

He has served as an Agency Director in the Mid-South Office, Executive Assistant at Corporate Headquarters and Deputy Regional Vice President in Mid-South. He became Mid-South's Regional Vice President on Aug. 1, 1992.

Barr told the students "as the world evolves, so must we."

He concluded with some new work habits for the new millennium.

The J.Walter Porter Forum is sponsored by the College of Business and made possible by the endowment established by the family and friends of the late J.

Walter Porter in recognition of his interest in improving the image of business as a career field for college students and of his concern for moral and ethical standards as expressed in his philosophy of business.

The forum is an effort to translate the textbook into practice by bringing capable, successful business executives to the campus to speak on selected topics in their area of expertise.

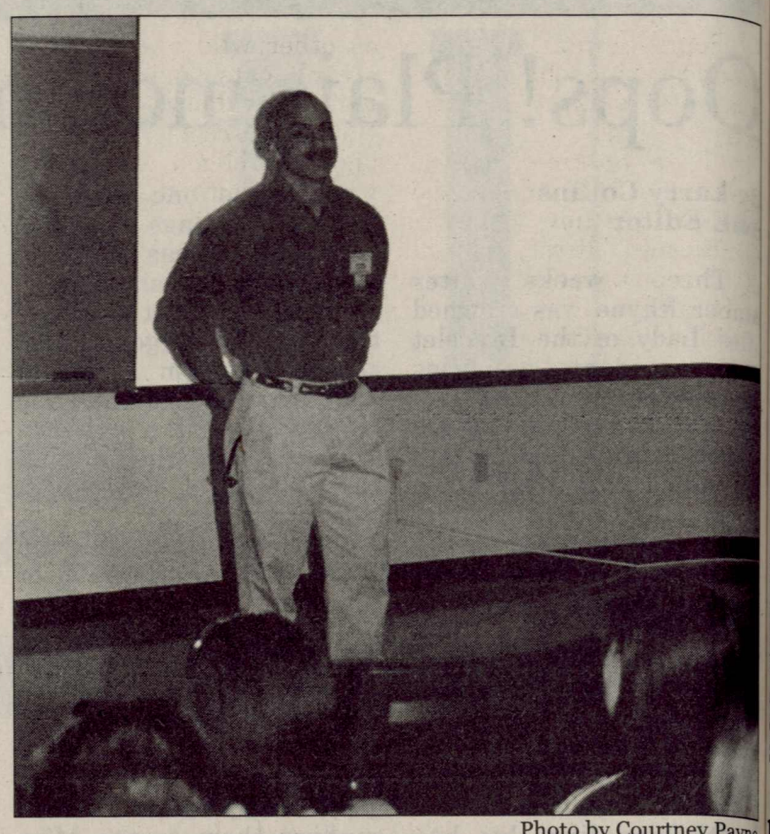

Photo by Courtney Payne
Motivational speaker, Don Fields, encouraged students to always do their best at all they do, last week during the 34th Walter Porter Forum.

Applications being taken for Camp Discovery 2000

The countdown to Camp Discovery 2000, A Lunar Odyssey, has begun, and the Space Science Group at Northwestern State University is recruiting astronauts for the mission.

The basic camp is for students aged 10-13, and the high school session is for students aged 14-17.

Also this year, Camp Discovery is offering a "First Camp" for students between the ages of 8 and 10. The campers can bring one adult with them for camp, which runs from July 6 through July 8.

The lessons at "First Camp" will be geared toward the younger students, but the campers will participate in the simulated mission.

Basic camp dates are June 11-15, June 18-22, June 25-29 and July 16-20.

The high school camp will be July 9-13. The deadline for applying is May 10.

For more information on Camp Discovery, call the Space Science Group at (318) 357-5186 or (800) 259-9555 or contact them by e-mail at ssg@nsula.edu. The Space Science Group's web address is www.spacesciencegroup.nsula.edu.

Scholarships awarded during forum

By Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

Scholarships were awarded to several NSU students during the J. Walter Porter Forum last Wednesday.

Lea Ann McFarlin received the Noble B. Morrison Scholarship. This scholarship is $500 for the academic year 2000-2001.

April Jordan, Victoria Perkins, Allyn Hall, Angela Rivira and Rodney Boswell were awarded the Sam B. Davis Scholarship. This scholarship is $1,000 for the academic year 2000-2001.

The Wall Street Journal Scholarship was awarded to Heidi Mullins.

Kevin Williams, Tara Davis, Christi Maynor and Daniel Livingston were awarded the Alexandria Business Foundation Fund. This scholarship is $2500.00.

For more information on these scholarships, please contact the College of Business Dean's office, Russell Hall room 201.

Warriors: Students feel that military shaped their lives

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Conrad was stationed in San Antonio, but traveled throughout the southwest United States performing.

Conrad said the band's purpose was to support state dinners and ceremonies.

"We are the poster boys and girls for the air force," Conrad said.

Ultimately, all four of the students said the military helped to shape their lives in one way or another.

"Part of the time, it makes me more cynical, but at the same time it helps me to be more flexible," Kuilan said.

This flexibility is attributed to the military's emphasis on teamwork.

"I learned the world does not revolve around Luke Hudnall," Hudnall said. "I don't mean as much as I thought."

However, teamwork isn't the only thing emphasized in the military. Many soldiers learn a new self-respect and pride for one's country. In addition, both Hudnall and Crawford said they learned discipline and responsibility.

"I think everybody should have to go through it [basic training], even if they don't want to be in the military," Hudnall said. "It'll change their lives."

Photo by Gary Hardamon
The NSU Yell Leaders cheer the Demons on to victory at every home basketball game. Students can catch the next home basketball game Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in a double header against conference rival Stephen F. Austin in Prather Coliseum.

Campus Connections

Aerobics Classes

Monday - Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. with Tasha Preylo.
Tuesday - Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Kristy McDaniel.
Come by the IM for details.

Baptist Campus Ministries

Baptist Campus Ministries located across from the University offers lunch every Thursday from 11 to 12:30 for NSU students for $1.

Club Soccer

NSU Men's Club Soccer team is looking for people who are interested in playing in the spring semester. No previous experience is necessary. We welcome everyone. Practices are held behind Watson Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:45 p.m., and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Coach Jim Kilcoyne 352-5888, or Cesar Isaitt 354-6483. Come out and play.

KNWD

If anyone is interested in being a DJ it's not too late to sign up. If interested, stop by the station and talk to Manny or Josh.

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the journalism conference room

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet Mondays at 4 p.m. in room 333 and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in room 427.

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Skunk sightings have students scurrying

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

Some animal sightings around campus have a few students walking a little wary at night.

"I was walking from the parking lot of my dorm and saw it," senior Jennifer Griffin said. "It was in front of the windows. I just started to run."

What Griffin saw was a skunk. Skunks are prevalent most areas of the United States except for southwestern desert regions.

Skunks are especially prevalent in Louisiana except for the extreme southeastern region like New Orleans. There have been several skunks seen around campus at night and even skunk families around St. Denis and Dodd Halls.

"Animal control is constantly trying to put out traps for the skunks as well as other wild animals like stray cats and dogs," University Police Detective Doug Prescott said. "The biggest problem we have is with students tripping the traps. I guess they think that the animals will be mistreated."

What students should remember is that skunks will only spray when provoked. A skunk's posture is much like a cat when provoked.

They arch their backs, raise their tail, the hairs on their backs stand on end and they stamp their forefeet on the ground. Students should not try to approach the skunks (or stray cats and dogs) in an attempt to feed or befriend them.

File Photo
Beware of these cute creatures. They are dangerous, especially during mating season.

These animals carry external parasites like lice, fleas and ticks as well as internal parasites. They could also be rabid which makes them very dangerous to approach.

"We've had students come into the infirmary with bites and scratches from these animals," Prescott said. "Students need to remember that they animals are wild.

University to host LACUSPA meeting Thursday

Northwestern State University will host the spring executive committee meeting of the Louisiana Association of Colleges and University Student Personnel Administrators on Thursday.

LACUSPA is comprised of student personnel administrators from colleges and universities throughout the state, including community colleges as well as private and public universities.

Dr. Katherine Sippola, vice chancellor of student affairs at Delgado Community College, is president of the organization. Dr. Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs at Northwestern, is president-elect.

Dr. Robert Bowman, an associate professor of education at Northwestern, is secretary/treasurer of the group, and Dr. Frances Pearson, an assistant professor of education at NSU, is faculty liaison.

Journalism students receive awards

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

The University's Department of Journalism faired well in the 14th Annual Southeast Journalism Conference. The conference was held Thursday through Saturday at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Georgia.

The Department was graced with three awards in different categories: Best Newscast, Best News Story, and Best Commercial. News22, the University's biweekly news program returned with two awards: one being first place and one honorable mention. Jeff Montegut and Michael Phillips placed second overall in the Best News Story Category.

Their continuing investigative reports on alcohol abuse around the University received attention from many and earned the two journalists a second place award. The award for best commercial in the region went to Brian McCullough. Senior Michael Addison also brought home awards after placing fourth in the journalism testing competition.

Mardi Gras 2000: Keep your clothes on

By Randall S. Frederick
Sauce Reporter

Thinking of going to New Orleans for Mardi Gras break? Be sure to keep your shirt on.

Last year, hundreds of tourists were busted for indecent exposure, and the New Orleans Police Department has issued a statement saying that they will be cracking down even more on flashers this year.

The activity is commonly tied with the actions of tourists caught up in the moment of the French Quarter and Bourbon Street activities, often baring themselves in exchange for beads, and whatever else is thrown their way.

The activities have become so notorious that The Playboy Channel plans to air several hours of the French Quarter, hoping to catch lewd behavior as it happens.

MTV's "Real World" also plans to have a special on Mardi Gras weekend with the same theme, not to mention the hundreds of websites with the sole purpose of promoting and cashing in on the action.

This week, police will be raising their efforts by ordering 1,000 placards to the French Quarter, in preparation for the coming weekend. "Uniform and plainclothes officers will be vigilant in the French Quarter and WILL TAKE the appropriate action if the law is violated. Just ask the 360 people who were arrested last year," stated the NOPD's official website.

Ninety percent of last year's obscenity arrests were tourists down south for the party, and the NOPD just wants to raise awareness that exposure is not something legal.

Rather than make the arrests, they would prefer to make tourists aware of their intended actions, should actions such as these be caught.

Senior Day, Credit Connection scheduled Saturday

High school seniors have a great opportunity to check out Northwestern State University and perhaps earn college credit at NSU's annual Spring Senior Day and Credit Connection Saturday, Feb. 26.

As part of Senior Day, representatives from each of NSU's colleges will be on hand to explain degree programs offered at Northwestern. During Credit Connection, qualified students can earn college credit by taking an Advanced Standing Examination.

Credit Connection begins at 9 a.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The first round of tests begin at 9:45 a.m. in Kyser Hall. At 11 a.m., the second round of tests will be given The third set of tests will be held at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on Spring Senior Day /Credit Connection, contact the Office of Admissions and Recruiting at (318) 357-4503 or (800) 426-3754 in Louisiana or (800) 327-1903 (outside Louisiana).

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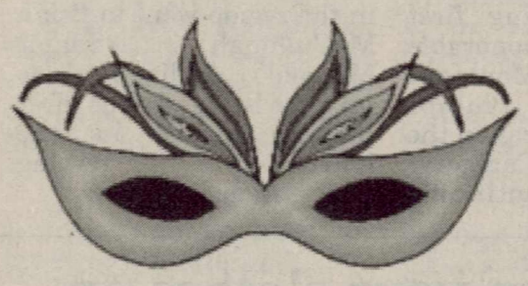
Mardi Gras 2000



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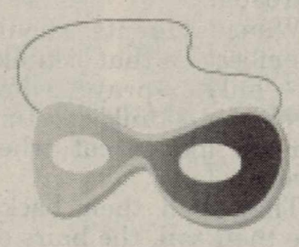


So many parades...

Mardi Gras fever has swept across the Boot, reaching from corner to corner.

With parades in Shreveport, Monroe and Alexandria, New Orleans might have a run for their money.

So, with all these parades, how do you choose which one to attend?

Safety

First of all, a few basics on keeping safe during the parade.

-Don't get all dolled up. Pick pockets'll love you.

-Wear comfortable, sturdy shoes.

-New Orleans, and Louisiana for that matter, has unpredictable weather. So pack a raincoat and keep an eye on the weather channel.

-Although it's hard, keep the alcohol to a minimum. Finding a bathroom during Mardi Gras isn't fun.

-Since most vendors don't accept credit cards, keep a few dollars on you, but don't stick things in your back pockets.

-If you're in a group, set a reference point in case someone gets lost.

-If you're not going to be in the Quarter, consider packing an ice chest and filling it with lunch and disposable towelettes. Getting sticky with no sink in sight can make Mardi Gras a pain.

-Guys, don't take an "alternate route." Stick with the crowd and stay off the side streets. There's a reason the parade doesn't go down those streets.

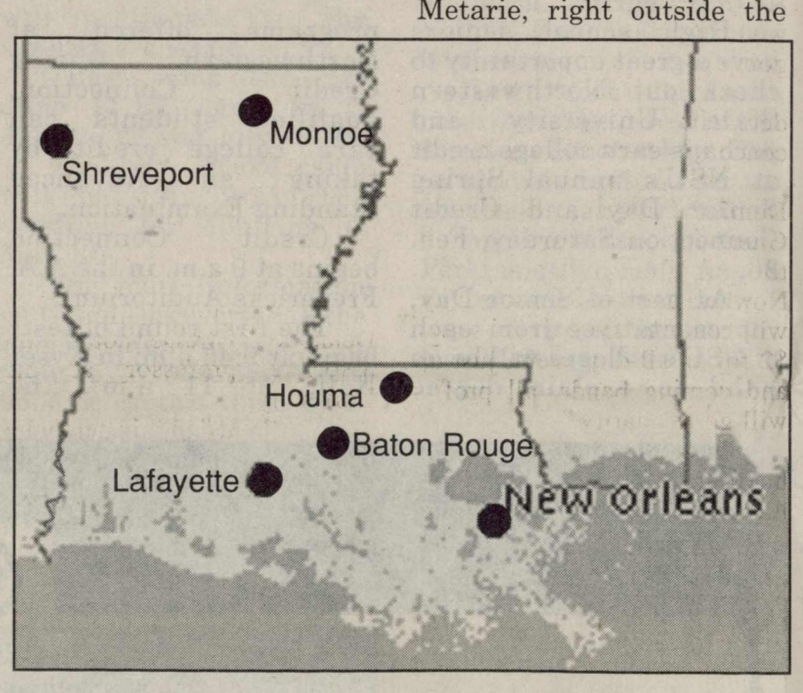
-Bring a large garbage bag or some type of tote to gather all the loot you'll get. Beads get heavy if you wear them for two or three hours.

-Ladies, ditch the purse and pack a fannie pack. Yeah, they're goofy looking, but at least you'll keep it.

-Bring water in a container that can be slung over your shoulder or worn around your waist.

-Step on doubloons; don't pick them up with your hands.

-If you're a little afraid of the parades of New Orleans, travel a few hours to Metarie, Kenner or Baton Rouge. They're just as fun and you're less likely to be shot.



Parades

Parades began last weekend in most cities, and will continue until the finale on Fat Tuesday.

Here's a few to consider for this weekend:

Monroe's Krewe of Janus Mardi Gras Parade.

The parade begins at 6 p.m. and will start at the Old Natchitoches Road, continue down Trenton, Antique Alley, move across the river and Louisville and end at Briard.

Houma's Krewe of Hercules

The parade begins at 6:30 and continues until 11. Nineteen floats will be featured during the parade this Friday.

Krewe Mystique Parade of Baton Rouge

Beginning at 1 p.m., this parade appeals to those who want to turn in early, but who still want to enjoy Mardi Gras.

Shreveport's Krewe of Centaur's Parade

Yes, Mardi Gras reaches into Shreveport, also. The parade begins at 4 p.m. and starts on Airline Drive, where it will continue down Shreveport Barksdale Highway and end on E. Kings Highway.

Metarie's Krewe of Atlas

Festivities begin at 7 p.m. in Metarie, right outside the New Orleans area. The parade route begins at the Clearview Shopping Center, traveling down Veterans Memorial Boulevard and continuing up and down Severn Avenue and Bonnabel Boulevard. The parade then ends at Martin Behrman.

Baton Rouge's Mystic Krewe of Mutts Parade

So many Louisiana residents remember the most famous parades, which are usually also the most traditional parades.

This year, why not get away from the norm and travel down to Baton Rouge for Mardi Gras. This Sunday at 1 p.m. the Mystic Krewe of Mutts Parade kicks off. The parade features the Baton Rouge area's favorite dogs garbed in the purple, green and gold of Mardi Gras.

All parade proceeds go to local animal welfare groups to helpless fortunate animals in the Baton Rouge area.

Bring Mardi Gras to You

Why not bring Mardi Gras into your own home by making your own King Cake. It's simple.

Here's a list of ingredients:

-1/2 cup warm water (110 to 115 degrees)
-2 packages active dry yeast
-1/2 cup plus 1 teaspoon sugar
-3 1/2 - 4 1/2 cups flour unsifted
-1 teaspoon nutmeg
-2 teaspoons salt
-1 teaspoon lemon zest
-1/2 cup warm milk
-5 egg yolks
-1 stick butter cut into slices and softened, plus 2 tablespoons more softened butter
-1 egg slightly beaten with 1 tablespoon milk
-1 teaspoon cinnamon
-1 1" plastic baby doll

Pour the warm water into a small shallow bowl, and sprinkle yeast and 2 teaspoons sugar into it.

Allow the yeast and sugar to rest for three minutes then mix thoroughly. Set bowl in a warm place for ten minutes, or until yeast bubbles up and mixture almost doubles in volume.

Combine 3 1/2 cups of flour, remaining sugar, nutmeg and salt, and sift into a large mixing bowl. Stir in lemon zest. Separate center of mixture to form a hole and pour in yeast mixture and milk. Add egg yolks and, using a wooden spoon, slowly combine dry ingredients into the yeast/milk mixture.

When mixture is smooth, beat in 8 tablespoons butter (1 tablespoon at a time) and continue to beat 2 minutes, or until dough can be formed into a medium-soft ball. Place ball of dough on a lightly floured surface and knead like bread.

While kneading, sprinkle up to 1 cup more of flour (1 tablespoon at a time) over the dough. When dough is no longer sticky, knead 10 minutes more until shiny and elastic.

Using a pastry brush, coat the inside of a large bowl evenly with one tablespoon softened butter. Place dough ball in the bowl and rotate until the entire surface is buttered.

Cover bowl with a moderately thick kitchen towel and place in a draft-free spot for about 1 1/2 hours, or until the dough doubles in volume. Using a pastry brush, coat a large baking sheet with one tablespoon of butter and set aside.

Remove dough from bowl and place on lightly floured surface. Using your fist, punch dough down forcefully. Sprinkle cinnamon over the top, pat and shake dough into a cylinder.

Twist dough to form a curled cylinder and loop cylinder onto the buttered baking sheet. Pinch the ends together to complete the circle. Cover dough with towel and set it in draft-free spot for 45 minutes, or until the circle of dough doubles in volume. Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees.

Brush top and sides of cake with egg wash and bake on middle rack of oven for 25 to 35 minutes until golden brown.

Place cake on wire rack to cool. If desired, you can hide the plastic baby in the cake at this time.

Colored sugars green, purple, & yellow paste 12 tablespoons sugar. Squeeze a dot of green paste in palm of hand. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons sugar over the paste and rub together quickly. Place this mixture on wax paper and wash hands to remove color. Repeat process for other 2 colors. Place aside.

Icing 3 cups confectioners sugar 1/4 cup lemon juice 3 - 6 tablespoons water.

Combine sugar, lemon juice and 3 tablespoons water until smooth. If icing is too stiff, add more water until spreadable. Spread icing over top of cake.

Immediately sprinkle the colored sugars in individual rows consisting of about 2 rows of green, purple and yellow. Cake is served in 2" - 3" pieces.

If all this sounds a little too difficult, the SGA is sponsoring a "Learn How to Bake a King Cake" session tomorrow night from 4-7 p.m. Cost is $4, which includes baking materials. Call 352-3845 or e-mail tbeary@yahoo.com for further information.

What is so yummy about King Cake?

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

What would a Mardi Gras celebration be without a King Cake?

All Louisiana residents have sampled a King Cake at one point or another, reveling in the thick gooey layers of cinammon and sugar.

The origin of King Cake's dates back to the 12th century in France.

According to the legend. early Europeans celebrated the coming of the three wise men bearing gifts twelve days after Christmas. They celebrated with a feat, called the Feast of the Epiphany, on the Twelfth Night, or King's Day.

The celebration came to a climax when the three kings were honored by the baking of a King Cake.

Unlike normal square cakes, the King Cake was made in a round shape symbolizing the circular route used by the Kings to get to Jesus. The circular route was also taken to confuse King Herod because the Romans tried to follow the wise men in an attempt to find and kill Jesus.

Although currently, King Cake's contain a baby, who symbolizes the Christ child, beans, coins and peas were once used. The person who found the token was declared king for the day or was said to have good luck in the coming year.

Louisianians slightly changed the tradition of the King Cake.

Getting stuck with the baby isn't always so great, now, as most Mardi Gras goers know. The person who finds the baby doesn't get good luck, but is responsible for hosting the next King Cake party.

My Side

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

I believe that the learning process continues or should continue for our entire life.

I think college should be a mere entrance into the art of learning.

Personally, I enjoy picking a college professor's brain to extract as much possible information of interest to me as possible.

However, I feel this should be done with a certain amount of ethics and decorum.

I don't, for example, ask stupid questions. And yes, there are actually stupid questions that could be avoided by reading the book.

I also do not take delight in hollering over my classmates, when I feel my question is more deserving of the professor's attention.

This is simple classroom ethics, folks, and quite a few students are sorely lacking these skills.

This morning, I sat in on a class where a student raised his voice above everyone else's, including the professor, to tell a mindless story about a mindless event. Five minutes of everyone's life was hopelessly lost to the constant droning of this guy's voice.

That's five possible minutes of education. Five minutes of your money wasted on his latest anecdote.

Here's another one.

In another of my classes, a student continuously feels the need to question the professor during his lecture.

Now, I don't mean the usual, "Hey, could you explain that one more time?"

No, I mean this fellow proceeds to question a man, who, incidentally, has a doctorate in the subject at hand, on if he's "sure that's right."

This guy appears to believe watching the Discovery channel makes him worthy of debating about eight years of post-graduate work.

Well, it's not. And more so, it's rude, and a waste of the professor and my time.

In the same class, another student holds his questions until the end of class and approaches the professor to address the questions.

This guy has the right idea.

Now, I've been known to ask questions if I didn't understand the topic, or to debate a principle, when acceptable.

But, I have never questioned a professor's knowledge of the subject.

If he's a graduate assistant, yeah, pick his brain and see what's floating around up there.

But, if the professor has several degrees, including two doctorates and who knows what else, I guarantee he knows a little more about the subject than Mr. Wizard and the Discovery Channel.

So, don't waste the professor's and students' time and my peace of mind over your wasted attempts at increasing the size of your ego.

Classes should be enjoyed by everyone. Not the select few people who tend to ignore the rest of us.

A&E News in Brief

Not so happily ever after

Rockwell

Fox may want to rename Monday's hit husband hunt Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire? to Who Wants to Marry a Big Fat Liar?

Just days after alleged real estate mogul Rick Rockwell selected emergency room nurse Darva Conger to be his bride on national television, some not-so-flattering truths are coming to light.

For one, he's not a real estate mogul. According to several reports, he's a stand-up comic and motivational speaker who was backed by his dad in a couple of paltry real estate deals.

An ex-girlfriend also told a San Diego TV station that Rockwell told her he was just doing the show to advance his career as a comedian and motivational speaker and planned to have the marriage annulled so he and the ex could reunite. (All contestants agreed to a prenup before the show.)

They want it that way

Richardson

Cupid wreaked havoc on the Backstreet Boys this Valentine's week.

Backstreeters Kevin Richardson and Brian Littrell have confirmed to MTV that they're both engaged to be married.

A nation of teen girls mourns.

Kevin, 27, tells the music channel that he got engaged on V-Day to his longtime (and unnamed) gal-pal. "[We've been together] seven years, off and on. We've been through a lot together, but she knew me when I was a Ninja Turtle. I met her in the cafeteria at Walt Disney World. We were both working there. She was a dancer.

The Boys were mum on when the actual aisle-walking would take place, but the ceremonies don't figure to go down anytime soon.

For the record, the three other Backstreeters—AJ McLean, Howie D. Dorough and Nick Carter—are still available.

Going to the Chapel

DiFranco

Singer Ani DiFranco is apparently in talks to buy a 30-year-old church and architectural landmark in her hometown of Buffalo, and she may move the offices of her Righteous Babe Records label into the building.

The City of Buffalo currently owns the Asbury Delaware United Methodist Church, a building it bought for $175,000 last year, and "The Boston News" reports that DiFranco's label is in the process of making a $5,000 down payment for a six-month option to purchase the church.

Righteous Babe has hired an architectural firm to analyze the church and determine what sort of repairs must be done to insure the structural integrity of the building and its adjoining 127-year-old sanctuary.

KNWD vs Student Activities Board

Toby Keith Spring Fling Concert continues to generate controversy on campus

By Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

Angry over the decision to bring in Toby Keith for the SAB Spring Concert, KNWD is waging a boycott against the concert.

In years past KNWD was involved in helping decide on a concert and also promoting it.

This year it will all stop. Instead, the on-campus radio station will do just the opposite. They are opposing the concert and will run commercials and sound bytes over the air encouraging students not to attend.

The radio station claims the SAB did not approach them for help with the concert.

Members of the KNWD staff discussed their complaints.

"In the past, the SAB has actually come to us and asked us our opinion," Joshua Clarkson, KNWD music director said. "This is the first year, the SAB did not do that."

"The fact that they just did not come to us and didn't even ask us about the concert and then after they made their decision, came and asked us could you do this and that (promote Keith's music) is ridiculous," Manny Guendulay, KNWD general manager said.

"You would have thought somebody could have come to us and asked 'who could we get' or 'what is a realistic choice?'" Juice, KNWD public affairs director said.

The staff is also expressing concern because they believe the concert will attract and therefore profit off the citizens of Natchitoches, rather than the students of the University.

"They are not looking into the students' interests and after all, isn't that their job?" Guendulay asked.

The SAB maintains they did look after students' interests. They say the Board distributed surveys in both the Student Union and in Iberville Cafeteria to get an idea of what the students really wanted this year.

"The SAB is here to represent all students and whenever they did the surveys it was done in the cafeteria in the Student Union and in Iberville," Susanna Deshotel, SAB advisor said. "We felt it was where you could find a good mix of students all at once."

The radio station feels the SAB didn't do enough to get a good representation of the students.

"I think they need to reach more students -- go into the dorms with the surveys," Clarkson said. "I think it would be better if they would widen the surveys more than just the union."

"We did it wanting to represent the opinions of all students and not just one group," Deshotel said.

"We try to rotate every year the type of music we get so it's not the same type every year."

The radio station would like to see better music in the future, they said.

"Toby Keith is an old man," Juice said. "He has an 18-year- old kid!"

"I want my rock stars to have scandalous sex with supermodels!" Clarkson said."I'd really like to see fairly smaller bands who put on a a very good show."

"A friend of mine is in school in Massachusetts and they had the Roots'," Raymond Williams, KNWD Urban Music Director, said.

"All these other school get these huge bands and we are getting Toby Keith, and unknown country singer. It's one thing that he's a country singer, but then people don't know who the hell he is, even the people that listen to country don't know who he is."

Deshotel said the concert was not done to exclude any certain group, but it was done to represent all students.

"Regardless of what they do we already got the contract and we are bringing Toby Keith," Deshotel said. "We would love their help, but it's going to go on, regardless."

As a result, KNWD has decided to stage their own concert.

"We are trying to get the Demon Fest together," Guendulay said. "We are going to get local bands from Northwestern or any band that will come for free, we'll charge $2 for an all-day event, just up and coming bands, all profits will go to charity."

The radio show feels their boycott won't affect the turnout of the concert, they just want to make sure the SAB gets the message. KNWD wants more input into the concert, and they will do whatever they can to get a successful Spring Fling concert.

A KNWD survey conducted on Feb. 21 at the Student Union and Iberville Cafeteria during lunch and dinnertime showed different responses compared to the SAB survey.

The question asked was: What type of music would you like to see at the SAB Spring Fling Concert: Country, Rap/R&B, Alternative, or none of the above? Half the amount of people were surveyed by the demon.

The results were Country: 4; Rap/R&B: 44; Alternative:47 and None of the above: 5.

National flutist to visit University

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

Renee Siebert, a flutist with the New York Philharmonic, will perform at Magale Recital Hall in the A. A. Fredericks Fine Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m. tonight.

Some of the pieces that will be performed are from works by Schumann, Hanson and Reinecke to name a few. Siebert will be performing with pianist Gary Hammond. Siebert has performed three times with the New York Philharmonic. Siebert has also performed with Music from Marlboro, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Chamber Music at the Y and Barge Music.

Siebert gives music classes as well as performances. Her master classes are taught at universities around the country. This past year, she has performed Shatin's "Flute Concerto" in San Francisco with the Women's Philharmonic. Siebert has also performed in chamber music concerts at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Siebert was a teacher of Dennette McDermott, an associate professor at the University.

"I studied privately with her in New York in 1987 or 1989," McDermott. "We kept in contact. She performed here in 1995 and she wanted to come back. It can be hard to get famous performers unless you have a personal connection with them. When there's a personal connection, often times they like to come back and see how their students did."

"A lot of people go into the music field and study and not many are still in it. They are forced to get another job. She was originally interested in teaching music. Many performers like teaching and helping people as well as performing."

McDermott will be playing a duet with Siebert called "Andante and Rondo" by Franz Doppler.

Hammond is on the faculty of Hunter College at New York. He has performed in cities such as New York, Hong Kong, St. Paul, Munich, Boston and Atlanta. He has been a prizewinner in the Artists International Competition, the KMS Resident Artist Competition and the National Arts Club Audition. This year, Hammond will also perform in Russia, Sweden and Norway.

Admission is free to the public and a reception will follow the performance. At 7:30 p.m. this Friday, there will be another performance at St. James Episcopal Church in Alexandria for those that may miss tonight's performance.

Sauce Columnist takes critical look at annual Oscar nominations

By Randall S. Fredrick
Sauce Reporter

On March 26, The 72nd annual presentation of the Oscars will air on ABC, once again hosted by Billy Crystal. This will mark his seventh year hosting, and already his schtick on the nominations is being looked forward to.

As Oscar night approaches, we at The Current Sauce thought to make a run down of the nominees for you, and welcome your opinions on who will win.

American Beauty

Critically acclaimed by moviegoers, this is a movie that had been looked forward to since the opening of it's trailer. Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey, who is nominated for the second time and is a one-time winner), is a man suffering from a midlife crisis, a cheating wife (Annette Bening, nominated for the second time) and a family that seems slightly off kilter. Often hits close to home ina way that cannot be ignored. The film is nominated for Best Picture, Actor and Actress in a Leading Role, Directing, Original Score, Film Editing, Cinematography, and Original Screenplay.

The Cider House Rules

Based on the book by John Irving (also nominated for his adaptation of the book), Homer Wells leaves St. Cloud's, the orphanage he grew up in and his mentor for a chance to see the outside world. This movie shows that sometimes it's necessary to travel a great distance to find yourself. It is nominated for Best Picture, Supporting Actor, Directing, Film Editing, Art Direction, and Adapted Screenplay.

The Green Mile

One of the other many books-turned-movie this year, Stephen King revisted the setting of a prison to tell the story of John Coffey (Michael Clarke Duncan, first time nominee) a gentle giant on death row for the brutal murder of two girls and how guard Paul Edgecomb (Tom Hanks) begins to see there is something otherworldy about Coffey. It shows that friendship is not held back by the racial lines of the early 20th century or by the bars of prison. It also shows that humanity can be found in those who are seen as inhumane, and God exists in the strangest of places. It is nominated for Best Picture, Supporting Actor, Adapted Screenplay and Sound.

The Insider

A riveting docudrama based on the controversial war CBS held against the tobacco companies, and the man who risked everything be stepping forward to tell the truth about cigarettes, Jeffery Wigand (Russell Crowe, first time nominee).

A controversial, behind the scenes look at the circumstances surrounding the story and how it was reported by 60 Minutes. It is nominated for Best Picture, Directing, Adapted Screenplay, Cinematography, Editing, and Sound.

The Sixth Sense

One of the best supernatural films in years. Cole Sear (Haley Joel Osment, first time nominee) has an otherworldy power to see spirits. His ability to channel the undead is terrifying to the 8-year-old, and soon Dr. Malcom Crowe (BruceWillis) comes into the picture to help the boy over his fears. The ending is so suprising, you want to see it again just to be able to explain it to yourself. It's nominated for Best Picture, Supporting Actor, Supporting Actress, Directing, Editing, and Original Screenplay.

The Matrix

Visually breathtaking, and with the nominations to prove it. Keanu Reeves plays Neo, a computer hacker soon lured by an odd cast of characters

File Photo
Oscar nominations came out last week

parallelled to Alice in Wonderland. When Neo follows the white rabbit into the a post-apocalyptic world, his life is turned upside-down .The Wachowski brothers script that was all action and graphics also had enough technical nods its way from the Academy of Motion Pictures, Arts and Science for even George Lucas to look up from his writing of the next installment of the Star Wars saga and wonder if the student has now become the teacher. It is nominated for Film Editing, Sound, Sound Effects Editing, and Visual Effects.

Star Wars: Episode I-The Phantom Menace

Equal to, if not better than The Matrix, is the generational spanning *Star Wars*. *Episode One*. Geoge Lucas has outdone himself and polished up his awards for effects. From the 10-minute podracing scene done completly with graphics to the battle between the Gungans and the beginnings of the Imperial Fleet, it came as no suprise when Episode One was noticed for it's outstanding achievments in the techinal aspects of moviemaking. It's nominated for Sound, Sound Effects Editing, and Visual Effects.

Magnolia

Paul Thomas Anderson (two time nominee) has once again acheived making all of Hollywood turn their heads. In Magnolia, it seems as though most of the cast from Boogie Nights has come over including Julianne Moore and Phillip Baker Hall. Magnolia takes a winding trail through intertwined lives and culminates with an unbelieveable scene with frogs. The film is nominated for Supporting Actor, Original Song and Original Screenplay.

The Talented Mr. Ripley

Anthony Minghella the man responsible for 1995's Oscar-winning *The English Patient* returns to the early 20th century to tell the tale of a mentally ill man who just wants to be accepted and loved at any costs. Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Jude Law star in a tale of infatuation gone horribly wrong. It's nominated for Art Direction, Supporting Actor, Costume Design, Original Score, and Adapted Screenplay.

Topsy Turvy

An artistic film showing what the a play went through from the writing of the first lines to the eventual performance on stage. It is nominated for Art Direction, Costume Design, Makeup and Original Screenplay.

Being John Malkovich

It has to be said that Spike Jonze is original, if nothing else. Throughout the film, you're not quite sure if you should tilt your head to the side and wonder what Jonze was thinking when he wrote it, or if you should give into the urge to laugh at how insane the story really is. This film goes to show that there is still originality in Hollywood. The film was nominated for Supporting Actress, Directing, and Original Screenplay.

Sleepy Hollow

The story of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman gave nightmares to many moviegoers as the Tim Burton's flair for the creepy and grotesque added more to the story than what we remember from Disney's cartoon version. It got nominations for Art Direction, Cinematography, and Costume Design.

It seems as though animated features took over the Original Song category, with Disney competing against itself. Two of the biggest names in song writing, Phil Collins (his third nomination) and Randy Newman (his 13th nomination) are competing against one another with *Tarzan* and *Toy Story 2*, respectively. Their competitors are *Magnolia*, *Music of the Heart* and the foul-mouthed *South Park*, which is sure to keep the censors as nervous as a cat in a room full of rocking chairs.

Another movie receiving two nominations was *The End of the Affair*. Julianne Moore (second time nominated) for Actress in a Leading Role, and Cinematography.

Election was nominated for Adapted Screenplay. I have only one thing to say. "Pick Flick!"

Denzel Washington (three-time nominee, one-time winner) for the title role of *The Hurricane*, Sean Penn and Richard Farmsworth (second nomination for both) all step into the ring to duke it out for Actor in a Leading Role.

Meryl Streep (nominated twelve times, winner twice) will be up against newcomers Janet McTeer and Jilary Swank (first nomination for both) in Actress in a Leading Role.

SPORTS

Lady Demons prepare to host conference rival SFA on Thursday

By Rondray Hill

A new beginning to an old tradition is headed to Natchitoches.

Thursday night, the NSU Lady Demons and the Stephen F. Austin Ladyjacks will meet in Prather coliseum for the first time in the new millennium, adding another chapter to what already has been a great story.

The overall record would not suggest that a rivalry even exists.

SFA owns an astounding 35-9 advantage all-time against the Lady Demons and have won each of the six meetings in the Southland Conference tournament.

The last time the Lady Demons defeated SFA in Prather was a 96-95 overtime win in 1994.

But there is just something about the name "SFA" that adds a little something extra each time they meet.

The first time these two schools met was in 1975, when then first-year head coach Charlotte Corley's squad dropped two games back-to-back against the Ladyjacks, 69-84 and 65-67. The Lady Demons, who were only in their second year of organized basketball, went 18-17 that year. Lisa Brewer led the Lady Demons in scoring that season and would continue to do so for two more consecutive years.

The first win against the Ladyjacks would not come until 10 years later. A 24-year –old head coach named Pat Nolen-Pierson, one of the catalysts for future Lady Demon successes, led the 20-6 Lady Demons squad to two straight blowout wins against SFA, 95-79 and 106-85.

The next season, the Lady Demons would explode onto the national scene with a 25-7 overall mark and swept the Ladyjacks that season. This team would also be the first to participate in any NCAA Division I postseason tournament.

After sharing the 1987 Southland conference title with SFA, Pierson decided to leave NSU to take over the helm at East Carolina University. But she left the program in good hands, elevating assistant head coach James Smith to the throne. His first season saw the Lady Demons go 16-12 and lose to the Ladyjacks twice that season.

But perhaps the most important victory in Lady Demon history came in Smith's second year.

Smith's squad knocked off the Ladyjacks, who at the time were the 11th best team in the nation, 78-76.

The 1988-89 team would fall to the Ladyjacks in the conference tournament but gained in at-large bid to NCAA tournament, the only time that has ever happened.

On January 22, 1996, 3,385 fans packed Prather coliseum, the largest Lady Demon crowd in Prather history. However, NSU fell to SFA 67-77. Six of the top 10 largest crowds at Prather have been against SFA.

Judy Clark has hit career-highs twice against the Ladyjacks. Last season, the Lady Demons won in Nacogdoches for the first time since 1994 behind Clark's 31 points, 85-84. She would hit 31 again, but in the losing effort in their second meeting that season. In the first meeting this season, Clark bested that total with 35 points.

In The 45th meeting between the two teams this Thursday, SFA will try to protect one of the longest winning streaks in the nation, which stands at 18. The Lady Demons will try to avenge one of only two conference losses.

Game time is set for 5:30.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Lady Demons' head coach James Smith celebrates as he picks up his 250th career win after the Lady Demons routed the Nicholls St. Lady Colonels 95-67. The Lady Demons will play host to the Stephen F. Austin Lady Lumberjacks on Thursday in Prather Coliseum. Game-time starts at 5:30.

Lady Demon Basketball

Nicholls St. vs. Northwestern (Feb. 14)

	1st	2nd	Final
Nich..	27	40	67
NSU	45	50	95

Note: James Smith records his 250th career victory.

Northwestern vs. Southwest Texas St. (Feb. 17)

	1st	2nd	Final
NSU	23	36	59
SWTS	35	43	78

Northwestern vs. U of Texas-San Antonio (Feb. 19)

	1st	2nd	Final
NSU	35	29	64
UTSA	23	38	61

Demons drop a close one to UTSA, but win two of three in SLC action

By Cade Brumley
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demons snapped a two-game losing streak Monday night as they scorched the Nicholls State Colonels 60-48 in Southland Conference men's basketball action.

The past two games for the Demons didn't exactly go as head coach Mike McConathy would have liked, as UTA and Sam Houston beat the Demons.

"I can say it now with a little sense of relief, but this was a big, big game for us. After the last two games, we needed something positive, and in the conference race, we took a big step forward," voiced McConathy.

The Demons only took a one-point lead into the half, and new they needed something to ignite a fire in the team. Guard Brentt Shropshire contributed 12 first half points.

To begin the second half, two steals and slam dunks by Chris Thompson and Richard Taylor gave the crowd a reason to cheer, and from there, the Demons went on a 10-1 run.

"There's no doubt the plays by Chris and Richard got us going. We feed off defense, and they made good defensive plays and finished on the other end with some authority," said McConathy.

Alann Polk netted 12 points and Richard Taylor added 10 points and three blocked shots for NSU.

Arthur Haralson who had 14 points and seven rebounds led the Colonels unsuccessful attack.

With the win, the Demons moved to 8-6 in conference, while the Colonels fell to 4-9.

University of Texas-San Antonio Roadrunner Guard Lloyd Williams banks in a running 30 footer as the horn sounds to end the game and give the Roadrunners the 73-70 win over Northwestern State.

Trailing 66-60 with under a minute to play in the contest, the Demons were able to make a comeback accomplished by two free throws by Chris Thompson, a lay-in by Alann Polk, and two long three-point bombs by Brentt Shropshire. During this stretch, the Demons had to foul and they sent UTSA's Devin Brown to the charity stripe, where he sunk four free throws. This knotted the game at 70, setting up the game winner for UTSA.

"When it left his hand I saw it going toward the backboard, I knew it was going in," said UTSA head coach Tim Carter.

Demon head coach Mike McConathy believes there is a purpose in the loss and that the team could see UTSA again in the first round of the Southland Conference tournament.

McConathy was pleased with his team fighting back in the last minutes of the game, just disappointed of the outcome.

"What more can a coach ask? I'll go to battle with this team," voiced McConathy.

The Demons were led in scoring by Alann Polk with 18. Shropshire and Richard Taylor each contributed 12.

The Demons (13-12 overall - 9-7 in conference) hold fifth place in the Southland Conference.

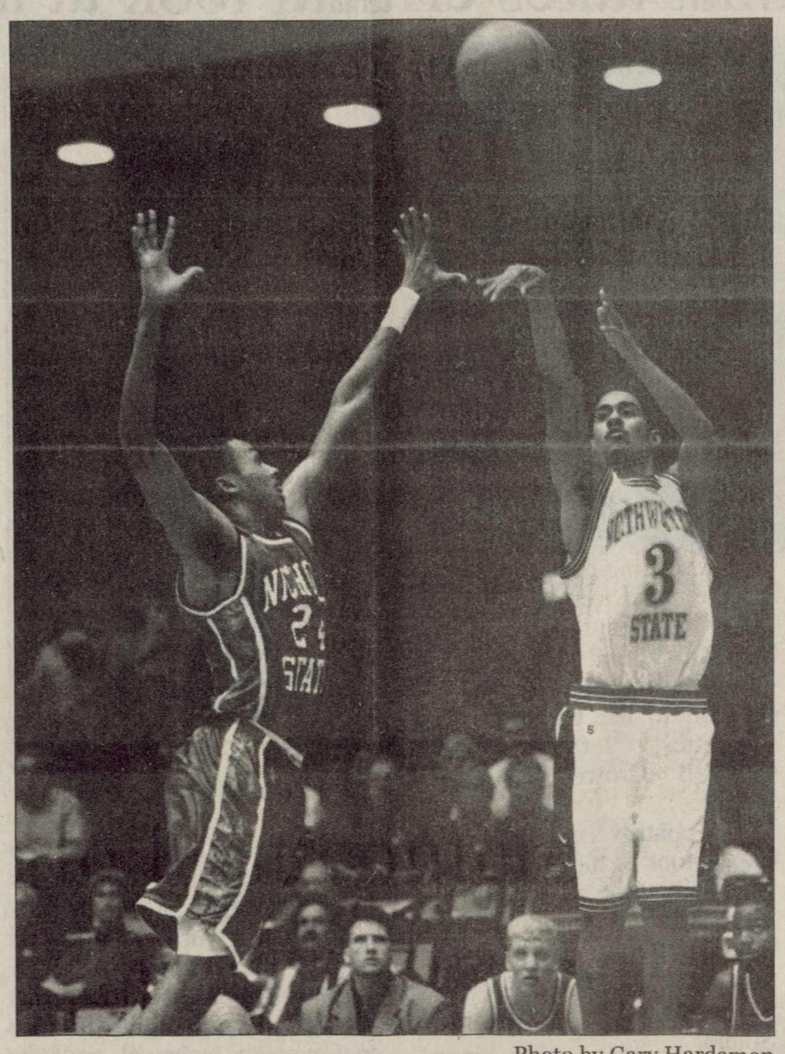


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Sophomore guard Ryan Duplessis knocks down the three pointer as the Demons knock off the Nicholls State Colonels 60-48 last Monday. The Demons will take on the SFA Lumberjacks Thursday at home following the Lady Demons' game. This is a huge rival and a huge game.

Demon Basketball

Nicholls St. vs. Northwestern (Feb. 14)

	1st	2nd	Final
Nich..	25	23	48
NSU	26	34	60

Northwestern vs. Southwest Texas St. (Feb. 17)

	1st	2nd	Final
NSU	19	39	58
SWTS	23	33	56

Northwestern vs. Univ. of Texas-San Antonio (Feb. 19)

	1st	2nd	Final
NSU	36	34	70
UTSA	32	41	73

NOTE: The Demons lost the game on a Roadrunner desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Lady Demon Softball

@ Mississippi State Tournament

Winthrop vs. Northwestern (Feb. 18)

Winthrop	010	00 - 1	1	1
NSU	704	0X - 13	10	0

W P -Christina Ortego (2-2) L P -Stephanie Koester
NOTE: Ortego struck-out 8 in five innings.

Northwestern vs. Mississippi St. (Feb. 18)

NSU	000	002	0 - 2	4	0
MSU	200	100	X - 3	7	1

W P -Jennifer Pursell (2-3) L P -Jessica Holaway (2-1)

Belmont vs. Northwestern (Feb. 19)

Belmont	000	00 - 0	0	6
NSU	830	0X - 11	10	3

W P -Cindy Leggett L P -Leslie Day
NOTE: Cindy Leggett struck-out 9 in her no-hitter.

Austin Peay vs. NSU (Feb. 19)

AP	000	00 - 0	3	7
NSU	111	41 - 8	11	0

W P -Christina Ortego L P -Holly Ricketts

Chattanooga vs. Northwestern (Feb. 20)

Chat.	002	000	0 - 2	6	0
NSU	000	000	0 - 0	6	0

W P -Awbry Winckler L P -Jessica Holaway

N-Side Sports...with Cade Brumley

In today's society, athletes are often labeled as rude, snobby, and sometimes very obnoxious. In many cases, these negative attitudes toward athletes are rightfully implied. However, in other cases you find someone who is the total opposite. I found that person and luckily for us, she wears a Lady Demon basketball jersey with the number 30 stitched on. Senior Kia Converse has to be one of the most sincere people you will ever meet.

I was able to catch Converse before a Lady Demon practice on Tuesday and had a brief 10-minute chat. She came across as a very intelligent, caring, and humble person. As a journalist, I come across people who I really don't enjoy to interview-it is more of a chore. I never got this feeling with Converse. Since I felt as if I knew her my whole life, it made my job a breeze.

You have missed out if you have not had to opportunity to witness Converse in basketball action this season. In case you aren't aware, she is one of the nations top three point threats-as she sinks over 3 per game.

"Kia is a special player, and she knows how to play. She has a great stroke from the three point line," voiced James Smith, head women's basketball coach.

The Lady Demons are once again on the hunt for a conference title and need a victory against SFA this Thursday in order for that to happen. She is optimistic about their chances for advancement.

"If we beat Stephen F. Austin and win our conference, we can go on into the NCAA tournament and see what happens," said Converse regarding the remainder of the Lady Demon season.

Converse seems to really enjoy what she does for NSU. Maybe that is due in part to the atmosphere that the coaches and players provide. As I watched the team, I noticed that they had the ability to laugh and joke; however, when it was time for the work to begin, it was all business.

"We are like one big and happy family, it is just great," stated Converse concerning the Lady Demons basketball team.

In everyday conversation I often ask people why they chose to come to Northwestern. Everyone has his or her own reasons. For Converse, it was the beauty of the campus and the friendly people.

"It (NSU) reminded me of home," voiced Converse.

Converse comes to Northwestern from the small town of Napoleonville where she attended Assumption High School. An extraordinary athlete in high school, she participated and excelled in volleyball, track, and basketball. While at Assumption, Converse was named the Louisiana Player of the Year in volleyball her senior season. Also, her accomplishments in track are too numerous to name. Why did she decide to continue her career in basketball instead of track or volleyball? Its simple—It was her favorite.

Converse will graduate in May with a degree in General Studies. However, she will still have one year of eligibility left, so may consider attaining her masters.

All in all, if you have the delight of having Converse in one of your classes, or spot her at lunch, go up and speak to her. You'll be glad you did.

If you have any sports issue you would like addressed in this column or would like to nominate an athlete for an N-Side Sports profile-let me know. Also, I am open for your comments at any time. E-mail me at cadebrumley@hotmail.com .

Demon Diamond Stats

Nicholls St. vs. Northwestern (Feb. 16)

Nicholls	010	000	000	- 1	8	0
Northwestern	004	000	02X	- 6	6	1

WP-Luna (2-0) LP-Murray (0-1)

NOTE: Demathdian Tate hit his third homerun of the season. Adrian Luna faced 33 batters in eight innings, striking-out seven and allowing only one run.

Northwestern vs. Centenary (Feb. 18 NSU Tournament)

Northwestern	100	041	016	- 13	16	0
Centenary	000	000	002	- 2	4	3

WP-Slanina (2-0) LP-Lockhart (1-2)

NOTE: The Demons combined for five homeruns in the game.

Northwestern vs. Missouri (Feb. 19 NSU Tournament)

Missouri	000	000	002	- 2	3	3
Northwestern	000	001	000	- 1	2	0

WP-Dale (1-1) LP-Stout (1-1) Save Stegall (2)

NOTE: Mizzou's Landon Brandes hit a two-run homerun in the top of the ninth to win the game.

Northwestern vs. U of Arkansas-Little Rock (Feb. 20 NSU Tournament)

UALR	000	040	200	- 6	11	0
Northwestern	000	020	020	- 4	7	1

WP-Hinson (1-0) LP-Glidewell (1-3)
Save-R. McMains (1)

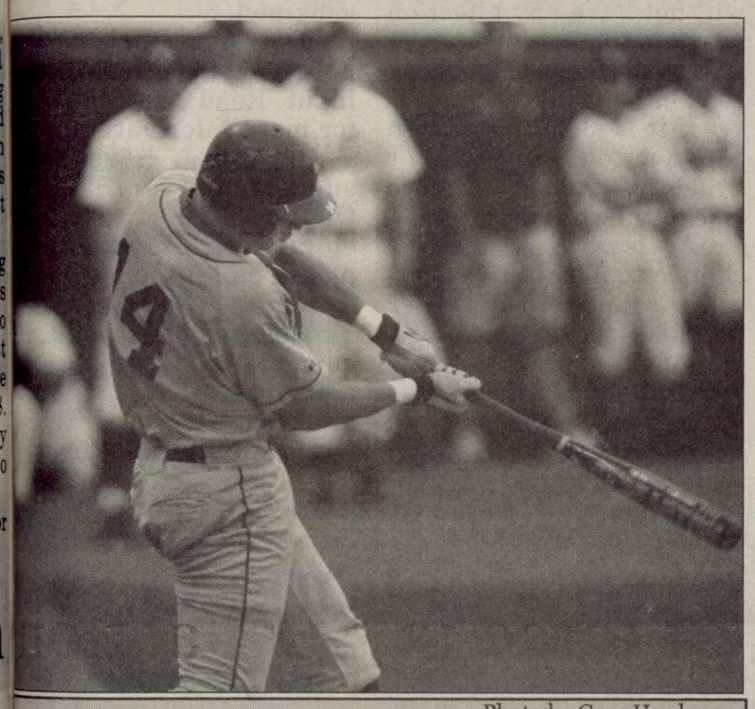


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Northwestern gives Centenary a dose of the runs

Junior outfielder Jordan Robison connects with a Centenary fastball which lands well over the outfield wall. The Demons combined for five homeruns and 13 runs against Centenary last Wednesday. The Demons took two of four last week. Northwestern moves to 6-5 on the season. The Demons will host Centenary today at 4 p.m. and Louisiana Tech on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Breaux Zone...with Ron Fauss (guest columnist)

By Ron Fauss

College Basketball Like it 'Oughta Be

Northwestern State's Men's and Women's basketball teams have some pretty huge games coming up at home Thursday.

If you like close basketball games played by teams that really don't like each other a whole lot, then Thursday night should be right up your alley.

It will be as close to big-time basketball as we get at home.

If you've got something else planned for Thursday night, cancel it. If you are looking for something to do, make these games a part of the plan.

This Thursday NSU plays host to their arch rivals, the Lady Jacks and Lumberjacks of Stephen F. Austin. It is of **Major** importance that we have a large contingent of loud, boisterous students to welcome these teams to Natchitoches and Prather Coliseum.

If you've been to a game this season, you know how the atmosphere has improved each game.

Nothing will compare to this game, however, for a number of reasons.

First, this will be the biggest crowd in many seasons. SFA travels extremely well and this is the game many Demon fans circle on their calendar as the "don't miss" game of the season.

Second, there is not a lot of love lost between the two teams.

No matter what sport NSU plays SFA the rivalry shows through, but with basketball, the rivalry is especially fierce.

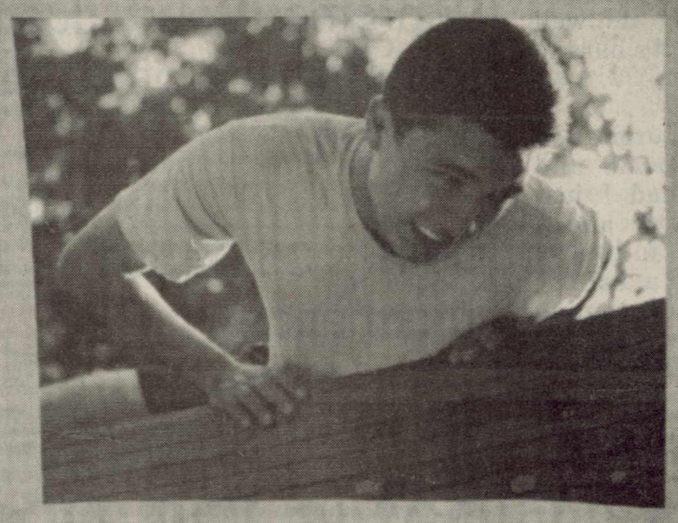
Third, there will be free jambalaya for the students and fans from 4:30 until 5:30 and the first 100 students will receive free t-shirts.

Finally, one NSU student will have the opportunity to win free tuition for a year in the CenturyTel Shot-of-the-Century simply by hitting a shot from mid-court.

Thursday's game can and will be a lot of fun for the Lady Demons and Demons, and also for their fans.

We need as many people in Prather Coliseum at five as possible to give a "warm" NSU welcome to the Lady Jacks as they take the floor to let them know that they are in our house. Go to the game, let your hair down, and scream your lungs out.

You'll be happy you did.



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Lady Demons Tennis Action

Northwestern vs. Univ.. of New Orleans

Singles

Kathryn Olsen, NSU, def.. Mary Howell, UNO, 7-6, 11-9, 5-7, 7-5
Sofia Hallstrom, UNO, def.. Jelena Lukic, NSU, 6-4, 6-4
Benoit, UNO, def.. Brandi Matthews, NSU, 6-1, 6-4
Ruhl, UNO, def.. Katy Wallace, NSU, 6-4, 6-3
Lokollo, UNO, def.. Natalie Unger, NSU, 7-6 (14-12), 2-6, 7-5
Ericsson, UNO, def.. Brandee LaSuzzo, NSU, 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

Cancelled

Record:

Northwestern 1-2

NOTE: Next home game will be March 11 @ 2p.m. Northwestern will take on Lamar.

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Letters to the editor

LOB II? Is it worth it?

I would like to take this opportunity to express my disgust in the recent developments in the Universityís wonderful 'scholarship' program, the Lady of the Bracelet Pageant.

I understand that mistakes occur all of the time. Believe me, I make them frequently. When I make a mistake, though, I must also pay for this mistake.

Could someone please explain why the students are paying for the mistake made by an accounting firm during the scoring tabulations?

For those of you who do not know yet, you and I are paying the bill so that two $5,000 scholarships may be given, rather than one, because of a simple mathematical error causing the wrong contestant to be named the winner.

I completely understand the educational value of good looks (sarcasm), but let me point out that neither the Student Activities Board president nor the Student Government Association president get scholarships this large.

I can recount stories of students receiving scholarships, grants, loans, etc. due to University mistakes. Upon discovering the mistake, the University required these individuals to pay back the money or promptly be reported to a collection agency.

Whatís the difference in theses situations?

What activities will be cut from the SAB budget to fund this mistake?

I know that this is shocking for some people, but even in little ole Natchitoches people, including accounting firms, are accountable for their actions.

I also understand the higher math that is involved in adding two-digit numbers, but I am begging whoever was bored enough to read this letter donít make the students pay for someone else's mistake.

Gregory J. Gelpi

The Brokaw Fiasco

John W. Chambers
Current Sauce
The Brokaw Fiasco

Anyone who has been watching the television screen has noticed a slight increase in the style of programming, including many new shows. For all of those watchers who might not know what this is due to; Sweeps have taken over.

It's a month of programming to impress all those mysterious rating people that seem to always cut the shows you like to watch and keep the shows you hate (We're looking for Teletubbies to go prime time). And ladies and gentlemen of TV land if you have a satellite, the more the better. And if you have that satellite set just right you can pickup everything from Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, to Who Wants To Embarrass Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

I can see that I am getting ahead of myself and to ensure that this article is not a waste of time (unlike the event that I have burned into my head), I shall backtrack a little to catch all of our readers up to speed.

On the date of February 17, 2000, NSU Department of Journalism embarked on what was to be a promising night. A night marked with a teleconference with Journalism guru Tom Brokaw and the news producers of NBC Nightly News (with of course their fearless leader Brokaw).

As the journalism students poured into the television studio of Kyser Hall as not only a part of a class assignment, but of their own interest, hopes were high.
What was to follow was not...

As one who has worked in teleconferencing, and satellite conferences with everyone from Bossier Parish Community College, to LSU Medical Center, I have seen my fair share of wastes of time, but this would definitely take the cake and vacuum tube with it.

We start this evening with a video tour of the Museum of Radio and Television (the proud sponsors of the Main Event), and then quickly proceed to the beginning of the conference, which is then held up so that we may see a rerun of the Nightly News with Brokaw.

For an hour and a half-long conference, to start with a thirty minute rerun (commercials included) was annoying. Not only was the news fluff, but it was also redundant and Brokaw has become an M.C., not a reporter.

Now for the finale...the conference. First call from NSU in Louisiana.

THIS WAS NOT US! LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Now we look like idiots for the NSU that called did not come through. This was followed by Brokaw along with the entire production staff making fun of our college and mentioning how under equipped we are (from a man who has never even seen our college).

Next was the wonderful, lets pick on the south session. Marked with every call from the old antebellum, lets work the slaves, and go eat pork chops south.

Afterwards, the grand explanation of how stories were picked and researched... why Senator McCain got the most coverage in the South Carolina primaries. The reason (and this is true investigative reporting) when NBC Nightly News with King Brokaw called into the offices of Bush, they were reserved meaning doubtful and that they had no chance of winning. Upon calling McCain, they were confident of the situation and this means they are going to win. (I am confident that someday I will date a supermodel...)

And so King Brokaw decreed that McCain would be the victor.

For anyone who keeps up with this, McCain lost by a very large margin, but he was confident at his looser speech (saw that one on Headline News).

And if you thought it couldn't get any better....one of our own students decides to call in, only to find that our staff did not have the telephone number.

After fetching it....well let's just say that it's hard to get a line out here.

THE END.

After the regurgitation ended, I went home and wondered, why had I just spent the last hour and a half being made fun of to every college with a dish?

To all incoming freshmen next semester...

Welcome to NSU!

Marginalia

Each week I often make the mistake of waiting to do my column last.

This is mistake because I find myself being too honest for some people. I attribute that honesty to fatigue.

You see I have upset a couple of people I thought of as friends and I am not sure exactly what I have done.

I hope I can mend this problem.

I would like to apologize to my friends for offending them or upsetting them. The last thing I want to do is to offend my friends.

If it has something to do with my choices as editor, then I can say nothing. I made a decision that, for the most part, will not have any affect on anyone 10, five or even 1 years from now.

I cannot take it back.

If it is about a decision I made of any other capacity, then I implore you to talk to me.

At least give me the chance to defend myself.

As far as my other friends, you have my personal assurance that I will tell you if anything is wrong.

I do not use friend lightly. Therefore, I will show you the love a true friend deserves.

Without a doubt, truth is key to a friendship. I have made the mistake of holding back in the past and it becomes a real burden on the relationship in the future.

I will honor any bonds of friendship by being honest and upfront.

Nothing will be lost by attempting to correct any damage done.

Besides, if I cannot approach you and work out any problems we have, then were not friends in the first place.

Aside from that, I want congratulate Sabrina on discovering her victory at LOB. I also wish to tell Amber that she did a great job and she has no reason to feel ashamed.

Do not forget the political forum Tuesday night. Read the front page for more information.

If you have any suggestions for Current Quotes (the student opinion with the pictures) please email them to us at currentsauce@hotmail.com.

Send any letters to the editor to the same address.

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

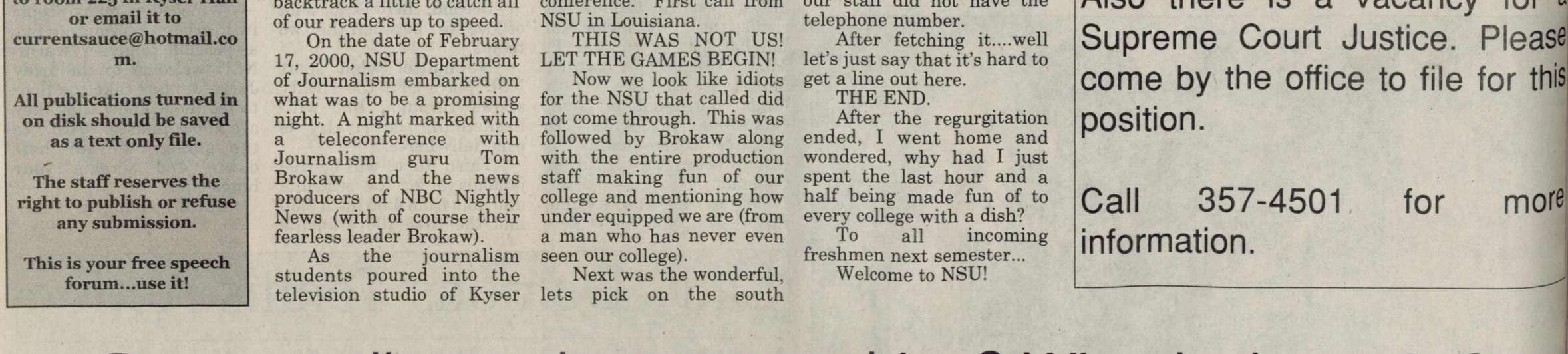
SGA Postions Open

Three Senator at large and one freshman class senator position are op within the SGA Senate. INterested parties should come by the SGA office and file an application. The office is located at 214 in the Student Union.

Also there is a vacancy for a Supreme Court Justice. Please come by the office to file for this position.

Call 357-4501 for more information.

Do we really need to say anything? What is the *point*?



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Student entrepreneurs are step ahead for life after college

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Many dream of starting their own business after finishing school, but some students aren't patient enough to wait that long.

Senior journalism and theatre major, John Chambers has already tried his hand at real estate. Chambers said he purchased his first home when he was 20.

"Instead of buying cars and stereo equipment, I chose to buy a house," Chambers said.

Chambers said he bought a house in Shreveport and fixed it up for rental. He said the house is currently occupied and he collects rent from the tenants. Chambers said that it made more sense to him to make money renting houses than working at McDonald's or some other odd job.

Like Chambers, Senior, Phillip Wise has also ventured into real estate. In July of 1998, Wise began to make his idea a reality.

"Back In '94 I thought it would be a good idea to start a trailer park," Wise said.

Wise felt there weren't many housing options available to students and thought his trailer park could help solve the problem. However, it took Wise four years to begin his project.

During this time Wise said he researched his business plan and drew up a proposal. He said much of what he learned in college was put to the test.

"I used a lot of what I learned from Marketing, Journalism, and PR," Wise said.

On the contrary, freshman Business Administration and CIS major, Dustin Floyd, has had little time to apply college knowledge to his business venture.

Still he has a successful enterprise up and running.

"I'm kind of like an Internet real estate agent," Floyd said.

With about $2000 in start up capital - enough to buy a computer and software, Floyd, began his Internet service.

Floyd said he sells web space in addition to developing and maintaining web-sites for his clients. Some of Floyd's clients include Sense of Style, Texas Championship Wrestling and volunteer work for the Current Sauce and the NSU College Republican.

The process of starting a business is demanding in many ways and most entrepreneurs learn valuable lessons or gain some newly found insight along the way. However, the most important end result is usually money.

"I guess it has built character and all of that crap," Floyd said. "...But mainly I would say [I gained] cash."

Chambers and Floyd feel fortunate in their ventures because they can see the fruits of their labor now.

As for Wise, he has yet to see any returns, but he said that he knows that time will eventually be on his side.

"I'm looking for a long term investment," Wise said.

Wise said he enjoys what he's done, but he warned young entrepreneurs about starting new businesses.

"Make sure you have enough time," Wise said. "Money may be a problem, but time is a bigger problem."

Floyd also offered some encouraging words to young entrepreneurs.

"There is money to be made," Floyd said. "You just have to have an idea and act on it. "

Chambers, Wise and Floyd all said they eventually plan to expand or try other areas of business.

Despite this, Chambers said he didn't consider himself an entrepreneur.

"I don't really like that term," Chambers said. "I'm just a guy having a good time and making a little money."

Validity of SAB surveys questioned

By Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

Despite being close, a Student Activities Board survey conducted November in Iberville and Vic's dining halls showed a preference by students for country music in regards to the annual Spring Fling concert.

"That's what we do. We go by what the students' voice is, and this year the students' voice said, 'Hey, we want to see country,'" President of the SAB Greg O'Quinn said.

University students' top three preferences for musical types for the concert were ranked in the following order: country, alternative, and rap. Shaw collected 200 surveys.

"In years past, there hasn't been a survey. Well, last year, a survey was done over KNWD," said Jeremy Shaw, concert chairman.

Larry Collins, SAB concert chairman for last fall, refutes this.

"Neither Jeremy nor Suzanna [Deshotel, SAB adviser] were involved with Student Activities at the time these were done. I don't see how they could claim that a survey wasn't done. Greg as far as a I know was there," Collins said.

Collins's survey showed different results than Shaw's survey.

"It was R&B by an overwhelming majority, at least 75 percent more than country," Collins said.

"Without stereotyping any group of people, there are more Caucasians that will listen to rap music and

See SAB page 2

Photo by Courtney Payne
Mayoral candidates Wayne McCullen, John Winston, Jackson Jones, Butch LeVasseur and Pat Todd Jr. answered questions posed by University students last week. The primary election is March 14.

Students address mayoral candidates

By Larry Collins
A&E Editor

University students are concerned with the state of Natchitoches and its political scene, and joined the five candidates for the office of Mayor last week for a mayoral forum held on campus.

The forum was sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, the Student Government Association, The Current Sauce., and NEWS 22.

The candidates are Jackson Jones, Luther "Butch" LeVasseur, Wayne McCullen, Pat Todd Jr. and John Winston.

The primary election will be held March 14 with a runoff scheduled for April 15. Absentee voting will be held March 2-6.

Questions concerning the University and student -related issues were the main topics for the evening.

A question posed by freshman journalism major, Josh Green challenged the candidates to give statements concerning the possibility of Louisiana State University at Alexandria becoming a four - year institution, and the affect that it could have on Northwestern.

"We have to take care of ourselves," Todd said.

McCullen said another four-year institution would take away funds from the most other universities, considering most state institutions are not adequately funded. He also encouraged others to oppose another four-year university in Louisiana.

Winston, vice president of university affairs, said that an additional state university would be a "devastating blow" to NSU and the city of Natchitoches.

"I don't think we can afford to have a four-year institution at Alexandria. It would almost kill us," Winston said.

Other topics touched on were the idea that many NSU graduates leave Natchitoches in hopes of better paying jobs, and increased employment options.

LeVasseur, whose campaign is geared at the common working man, said he would do his best to help graduates find work. He acknowledged that there is a "clique" in the city of Natchitoches, and that if a graduate is not in this clique it is extremely hard to find employment.

Each candidate had many ideas to aid in the bettering of the city, which will affect the University.

Jones suggested shipping on the river, creating a small zoo and having more sporting activities such as hockey.

The program was held in Studio A of Kyser Hall and broadcasted live on NSU22.

Improvement of university food services noticed by many

By Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

The University's food service program is doing everything possible to break the monotony for students.

At the beginning of the semester, a coffee bar was added to The Alley. Joe Tillman, food service director of ARAMARK, felt adding the coffee bar would be a great service to the students and it would make the student center more user-friendly.

"Before, the student center wasn't a student center," said Tillman. "It was just a place to get something to eat."

Tillman says the coffee bar has attracted more students in between classes.

"The coffee bar is great," said Amy Lambre, senior journalism major. " I love the flavored coffees."

Alvin Hamilton, assistant food director, said Iberville is going through some changes as well.

"We are expanding our menu, especially our desert bar," said Alvin.

Iberville is in the process of adding a bake center which will offer a more variety of fresh cakes, cookies, brownies and bread baked daily.

According to Hamilton, the bake center should be available to students before the end of the semester.

Hamilton said he would like Iberville to do more sampling programs.

"This is where we fix a different entree each week and based on the student response, we could incorporate these new entries to our menu at Iberville," said Hamilton.

Tillman encourages students to bring their mom's favorite recipes.

"We realize it's stressful coming to college and missing mom's cooking," said Tillman.

"If the recipe gets good response it may work its way onto our regular menu."

Both Tillman and Hamilton agreed they are trying to put more variety in the menus.

"We are doing all we can to improve the quality given the amount of money students pay," said Tillman. "We want to continue to make this the best value for a food service plan in the state of Louisiana."

Last year, there was a rate increase of the meal plans for the first time in seven years. Tillman credits the rate increase to the increase of enrollment of students in the dorms.

"We are still the second lowest priced board plan in the state," said Tillman.

To keep students informed, a newsletter is distributed once a month. The newsletter has a calendar of events, information concerning food safety and coupons.

Some future plans are under way for the food service program.

Tillman and Hamilton are trying to get a retail store on campus. Although it's more expensive than they originally planned, they are not giving up.

"We want to get a really nice place where other universities will look at it and say 'wow, that's what we want,'" said Tillman.

If the university keeps growing, there's a possibility of adding another food location on the other end of campus. Also, once the IM building is renovated, there is talk of adding a sports bar.

"We want to keep looking for new items to keep things different and fresh," said Tillman.

Hang tags to replace parking stickers starting in fall 2000 semester

By Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

The University recently approved a one-year test pilot program of hang tag parking permits in place of parking stickers.

"We're going to give it a shot. Hopefully, it will be a little more convenient," Chairman of the Parking and Safety Committee Carl Henry said.

Hang tags can be moved from car to car, although they will registered to the individual student.

"With these you can take it out of one car and stick it in another car. It is registered to you," University Chief of Police Rickie Williams said. "You can loan your tag out, but you'll be responsible for any tickets."

Henry said that all tickets issued to a car will be filed under the account that the hangtag is registered under.

"Students are really innovative with trying to get around rules," Henry said. "If you loan your hang tag to another student, no matter what the offense is, if that gets in an handicap zone, you are the one who is going to be responsible for that ticket."

With hang tags, students will be able to pay one fee, but not be restricted to one car.

"You can drive any car you want to as long as you have that hanging in the mirror," Williams said. "It is going to be a lot easier for people, but there's one catch." Forgetting is not an acceptable reason for an appeal. Also, Williams warned about theft of hangtags.

"If someone steals your hang tag, you are responsible for all those tickets until you come in here and report it stolen," Williams said.

Williams said those caught with stolen hang will be arrested. According to Henry students have complained about stickers damaging their cars.

"A lot of people complain about the stickers, because cars today have colored bumpers. If you take the sticker off, that tales the paint off sometimes," Henry said.

Those who park on campus will no longer need to buy multiple parking permits. As a result, the University will lose funding.

"We're going to lose a little money on stickers," Williams said. "All the money goes to repair parking lots, build parking lots, fix lights around parking lots - anything that has to do with parking lots."

The program was presented by members of John Foster's Speech 3120 Group Dynamics class.

"The students went after it," Foster said. "They did all of the research. They did a survey of students here on campus and found out what the students thought. The majority of the students favored going to the hang tag system," .

"It's going to be interesting. I just hope that we don't have many problems," Williams said.

News

Office of Continuing Education to present workshop

Northwestern State University's Office of Continuing Education will present a workshop on business and professional writing beginning March 11. Courses on Internet page design, Cajun dance, personal finance and leadership are also scheduled.

The course on business and professional writing will be March 11 and March 18 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Room 341 of Kyser Hall of NSU's Natchitoches campus. The class will be taught by NSU Assistant Professor of English Dr. Joseph Colavito. The fee for the class is $140.

The workshop is designed for anyone who needs to communicate clearly in writing. Through discussion, examples and practice, participants will immediately learn useful techniques to help them plan and write clear, concise letters, memos, reports, proposals, e-mail messages and other documents.

Learning will be reinforced by applying concepts and techniques to actual job-related writing projects and receiving one-on-one feedback from the instructor.

A course, "Fundamental Skills of Leading People," will be taught on Tuesday, March 7 from 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in Room 229 of Russell Hall. The fee is $59 plus a $15 workbook. Dr. Thomas R. Watson is the instructor.

The class is the first one in the "Supervision Series." Managers, supervisors and team leaders will learn the basic foundations of supervisory management. Participants will learn methods to maintain employee self-esteem, focus on behavior, encourage employee participation and listen to motivate.

"How to Achieve Financial Independence" will be presented Tuesday, Feb. 29 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Room 229 of Russell Hall. The fee for the course is $49. Spouses can attend at no charge if they pay the required materials fee of $5. An optional 225-page textbook is also available for $39.

Watson is the instructor. The course is designed to teach middle-class Americans how to live debt-free and achieve financial independence. Participants will learn how to use the "Linear Math, Critical Path" method to pay off consumer debt and a mortgage, operate 100 percent on cash and never need credit again.

Students can learn to design their own Internet page in a class to be taught on March 11 from 9 a.m until noon in Room 114C of the Teacher Education Center.

Joseph McCarty is the instructor. The fee for the class is $30. Those taking part will also receive their own e-mail address.

A Cajun dance course will be taught on Monday evenings from March 13 until April 17. The class will be held in the East Concourse of Prather Coliseum. The fee is $70 per couple.

For more information on any of these courses, contact the Office of Continuing Education at (318) 357-5682 or (800) 376-2422.

Students to participate in national study on college experience

Just what does constitute quality in the undergraduate experience?

Collegiate rankings focus mostly on what students are like when they start college, their entrance exam scores or high school class rank.

Institutional resources also are emphasized in terms of numbers of faculty members, library books, and computer terminals.

Oddly enough, what gets almost no attention is what matters most to student learning: how students apply their abilities in using the institution's resources.

The National Survey of Student Engagement project is designed to re-focus public discussion on the things that really matter to quality undergraduate education: what students do and what they say about their experience.

Over the next few weeks, randomly selected freshman and seniors at Northwestern and about 275 other colleges and universities across the nation will have the chance to share their views by completing The College Student Report.

The report takes less than 15 minutes, and students can choose either the paper or web version.

The questions are about how and where students spend their time, the nature and quality of their interactions with faculty members and peers, and what they have gained from their classes and other aspects of their college experience.

Additional information about The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is available on the web (http://www.indiana.edu/~nsse/). Dr. Neelam Kher serves as Northwestern's liaison for this study. She may be reached at 357-6359 or e-mail @ kher.

SAB: Surveys may not express views of all students

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R&B music and be happy with it, than there are African Americans will listen to country music. For that simple fact, I don't believe that it is possible for country music to win out."

According to the SAB, Tim McGraw, the last country act to come to the University, was the most successful act in recent years.

McGraw performed in 1995 before about 3,000-4,000 people, Henry said.

"That was the only one that we made a profit off of," Deshotel said.

The concert makes a profit by attracting people from outside the University.

"That was the most successful concert we've had. We made money off of it. We had a good attendance. It was a real good concert," Shaw said.

Money raised by the concert goes towards the following year's concert budget.

"We hope to make money off of the concert this year by selling tickets to people outside the University. We can put it in our budget next year for a pretty good concert.," Shaw said.

"If we make a lot of money off of the concert this year, then we think that we can do better next year."

Collins said that the job of the SAB is to please the students, not the residents of Natchitoches and the surrounding cities.

"The fact that they made lots of money says that a lot of people came from outside the school, because students in this school get in free," Collins said.

"Students are not getting what they paid for. It's the Student Activities Board, not the Outside of Northwestern Activities Board."

O'Quinn welcomes any students who wish to discuss any SAB matters.

"If anybody has a complaint or a comment, my door is always open. They are more than welcome to come in, and I'll sit down and talk to them and see what I can do for them," O'Quinn said.

University police ticket writing policy brought into question

By Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

> *"We ticket over there [faculty and staff lots] every now and then. We don't go over there very often."*
>
> Rickie Williams
> University Police Chief

Police monitor all campus parking lots for parking violations, including faculty and staff lots.

"We ticket over there [faculty and staff lots] every now and then. We don't go over there very often," University Chief of Police Rickie Williams said. "We go where we receive most of the complaints, which is student parking."

Williams said that students receive more tickets because the campus has more students

"We do write tickets quite often, but we do write more tickets for student lots, because there are more student lots," Williams said.

Williams said that students tend to complicate situations when they violate parking policies.

The reason we don't worry about the faculty parking lots is because they very seldom block people in like students do," Williams said.

Anytime an illegally parked car blocks another car in, University Police attempt to locate the owner of the illegally parked car to prevent the car from being towed.

"Students are a lot harder to find," Williams said. "Before we tow their car, we try to run a class schedule and find them. A lot of time they're not in class, not where they're supposed to be."

Williams said that teachers differ in this aspect.

"If a teacher blocks someone in, we can find them. They are a lot easier to find," Williams said.

Campus Connections

Aerobics Classes

Monday - Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. with Tasha Preylo.
Tuesday - Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Kristy McDaniel.
Come by the IM for details.

Baptist Campus Ministries

Baptist Campus Ministries located across from the University offers lunch every Thursday from 11 to 12:30 for NSU students for $1.

Club Soccer

NSU Men's Club Soccer team is looking for people who are interested in playing in the spring semester. No previous experience is necessary. We welcome everyone. Practices are held behind Watson Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:45 p.m., and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Coach Jim Kilcoyne 352-5888, or Cesar Isaitt 354-6483. Come out and play.

KNWD

If anyone is interested in being a DJ it's not too late to sign up. If interested, stop by the station and talk to Manny or Josh.

Sociology and Criminal Justice Club

There is a meeting at 3:30 p.m. on March 2 in Room 309 in Kyser Hall. We have elected new officers. New ideas have been submitted and now it is time for implementation. We invite all majors. Contact Dr. Hildebrand at 357-1506 for more information.

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the journalism conference room

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet Mondays at 4 p.m. in room 333 and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in room 427.

If you are interested in writing for *The Current Sauce*, especially for sports, come to our meetings every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in room 225 of Kyser Hall.

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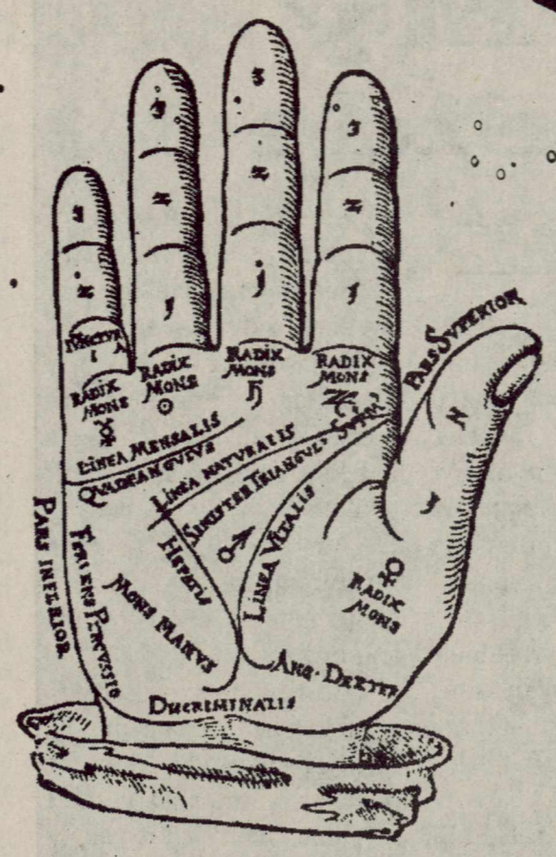

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Tickets on Sale now
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Sat. March 4
The Innuendo Band Plays 9:30 - 1:30
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Wet T-Shirt Contest

Every Thursday
No Cover Charge if 10 or more women in contest. 1st place wins $100

Pool Tournament

March 5
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Drink Specials, Door Prizes
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FEATURES

My Side

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

Ah; isn't spring-time lovely? The flowers are in bloom, the jogging outfits are packed away, the threat of frost is gone...and out comes the vast amounts of exposed skin.

In the past week, I have seen more skin than Jennifer Lopez threw around during the Grammy's.

Is it really that hot? Or, are students that eager to show off their abundant non-tan flesh?

In some cases, this might not be such a good idea.

Case in point; I am familiar with a female who lives and breathes by the belief that clothes suffocate her exuberant personality. I at least hope this is her belief.

Otherwise, wearing next to nothing just seems dumb.

Let me offer a few examples of the garish outfits (if they can be defined as such) I have seen in the past few weeks.

No. 1: A bra used as a tank top, barely covered by a silk shirt. Nope, this wasn't at a bar, folks. This was in plain view.

No. 2: A pair of "shorts" whose two inches of material barely covered a derriere.

No. 3: Perhaps my favorite: A painted on white t-shirt, that is made to constantly look wet.

As intriguing as this might sound, guys, let me assure you, it was quite the opposite.

Ladies, are these outfits an attempt to wrangle a man? And, if so, is the man attracted and caught by that really the kind of fellow you want?

I am somewhat of a prude; I'll admit. But, I am not so prudish as not to realize the wonders of short sleeves and shorts in Louisiana heat.

I've even been known to show a little leg now and then when the temperatures really soar.

But, I have always asked myself before donning an outfit, "Am I decent?"

I don't think that's asking too much.

Personally, I am embarrassed by some of the outfits I see worn around campus. Yeah, this is college; supposedly a time to "find yourself."

But, I am finding more of people than I care to.

This Old House

By Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

photo by Steve Evans

The old schoolhouse is located on Normal Hill and is only opened a few times a year. The inside of the house is preserved to look the same as it did when it was used a century ago. The desks are the original desks from the first Nichol's School.

A one room school house sounds pretty ridiculous in an age where many people believe that bigger is better. However, there are exceptions to every rule and the Nichols School is one of them.

The Nichols School is a completely restored one room school house nestled on top of Normal Hill.

This school was constructed in 1906 as a local classroom for the Cloutierville community.

During that time, one woman teacher would instruct as many as 27 students. Every morning, she would stand in the entrance to the classroom and manually ring a bell to let students know that class was in session.

There was no electricity at that time so the classroom had plenty of windows for sunlight to shine through and candles were used on rainy days.

During the winter months, an old wood furnace was the sole method of heat used to warm the classroom.

The Nichols School served as an educational facility to the Cloutierville community for many years, but times were changing fast and larger schools were beginning to arrive.

Maxine Southerland, Northwestern alumnus and educator, found the old Cloutierville school house in the 1930s and was anxious to bring it to the University's campus as a part of the Center for the History of Education program.

However, Southerland and others were building the Center for the History of Education program with a limited amount of available funds. So, Thelma Kyser, former First Lady of the University, as the wife of former University President John Kyser , donated $2,000 to the program and relocated the Nichols School to our campus.

Once it became a part of the University's campus, the one room school house was completely restored to its original state.

All of the desks in the school house are the original desks used by the first Nichols School students. Some of these students' names are carved into the surface of the desks and can still be seen almost a century later. The old wood furnace remains in the back of the classroom, books published as far back as 1923 fill the bookshelves and an antique blackboard hangs on the wall behind the teacher's desk.

On the teacher's desk, there is a world globe, and ink bottle used to fill the student's ink wells so they could write and an old-fashioned school bell.

"We had fun getting it furnished and getting artifacts in that were used," Southerland said.

Although the Nichols School is no longer an operating classroom, it does have a present day purpose.

Periodically, the Nichols School is open to tourists and local school children for tours. The school house is also an annual participant in the Louisiana Folk Festival.

Southerland believes that the school house is in good condition for being almost a century old, but she said that with "a little cleaning and handiwork" it will be good as new.

"This is an original one room school and they are fast vanishing from this era," Southerland said. "We need to get this one in good shape again so that it can be used by our University and by our town."

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SPORTS

Demons' track teams finish 3rd in SLC Indoor meet

By Sports Information

All-American Kenta Bell won his third consecutive Southland Conference Indoor triple jump crown Saturday for Northwestern State as the Demons and Lady Demons each finished third in the team competition at the SLC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Demon senior Hector Andujo, seeded second, was a surprise winner in the men's mile run Saturday, clocking 4:14.31.

Lady Demon freshman Jacqueline Canton gave Northwestern its other individual champion in the two-day meet by taking the women's high jump Friday night.

Bell, who redshirted last year during the indoor season, also won the SLC triple jump in 1997 and 1998. He won the long jump title Friday night to go with the long jump crown he took in 1998.

The senior from Kilgore, Texas, is ranked third nationally in both events. Saturday, he led a 23-point Demon onslaught in the triple jump.

Bell won jumping 54-3 1/4, his personal record and a meet record.

Kendrick Turner, who won the SLC Indoor triple jump title last year as Bell redshirted, finished second for NSU at 50-10 1/4.

Tyson Dillard gave the Demons fourth place in the event with a 49-11 leap.

Andujo's title was his first SLC championship.

Teammate Juan Londono finished fourth in 4:19.03, giving the Demons 15 points in the mile.

As expected, Texas-Arlington won convincingly in the men's and women's divisions.

UTA scored a meet record 169 points in the women's division, trailed by McNeese (81) and Northwestern 65.

The Mavericks won by 42 1/2 points in the men's standings, outpointing Southwest Texas 130-87.5 with Northwestern third at 76.

Other top finishers for the Northwestern women included twin sisters Kim and Camille Pouncy.

Kim was second in the 60 meter dash at 7.60 while Camille was third at 7.63, and fourth in the 200 at 25.02.

Makele Carr was second in the women's 60 hurdles at 8.98 for NSU.

In the men's division, freshman Eric Louis was third in the 60 dash at 6.88.

Demons squeak by SFA 80-75 in overtime

By Cade Brumley
Sauce Reporter

NSU senior guard Brentt Shropshire scores 26 second-half points to spur an impressive comeback in a Thursday night victory against the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks 80-75.

The Demons were down 34-29 at the end of the first half, but this team has the ability to come back, and that's exactly what they did. With 8:42 remaining in the game, the Demons were able to unravel a 16-point Lumberjack lead to knot the game at 72. However, SFA had two good looks at the basket from behind the three-point line; and with the Demons being beaten three times in the last two weeks by three point shots, silence fell over Prather Coliseum as the shots left SFA's hands.

"I was just praying, 'Please God, not this time,' " voiced NSU guard Richard Taylor regarding the last second shots.

You might ask yourself just how a team comes back from a 16-point deficit in just under nine minutes. Well, Shropshire can score 26 second half points, pull down two rebounds, and dish out one assist, that doesn't hurt matters any. Shropshire only played four minutes in the first half.

"I guess that's poor coaching. But in the first half he was sleepwalking just like everyone else," stated NSU head coach Mike McConathy.

In overtime, the Demons were able to outscore the Lumberjacks 8-3 to give NSU the win.

"We're battle tested, battle tough, whatever you want to call it. We found a way to win this one," voiced a relieved McConathy.

NSU guard Richard Taylor netted 16 points and grabbed 10 boards in the win for the Demons. Also, Will Burks contributed 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Demons.

With the win, the Demons moved to 14-12 overall and 10-7 in the Southland Conference.

The Lumberjacks, who sit in last place in the Southland Conference, will be under new leadership next season. Head coach Derek Allister resigned last week and will be leaving SFA at the end of this season.

NSU will play host to Louisiana-Monroe this Saturday, March 4th.

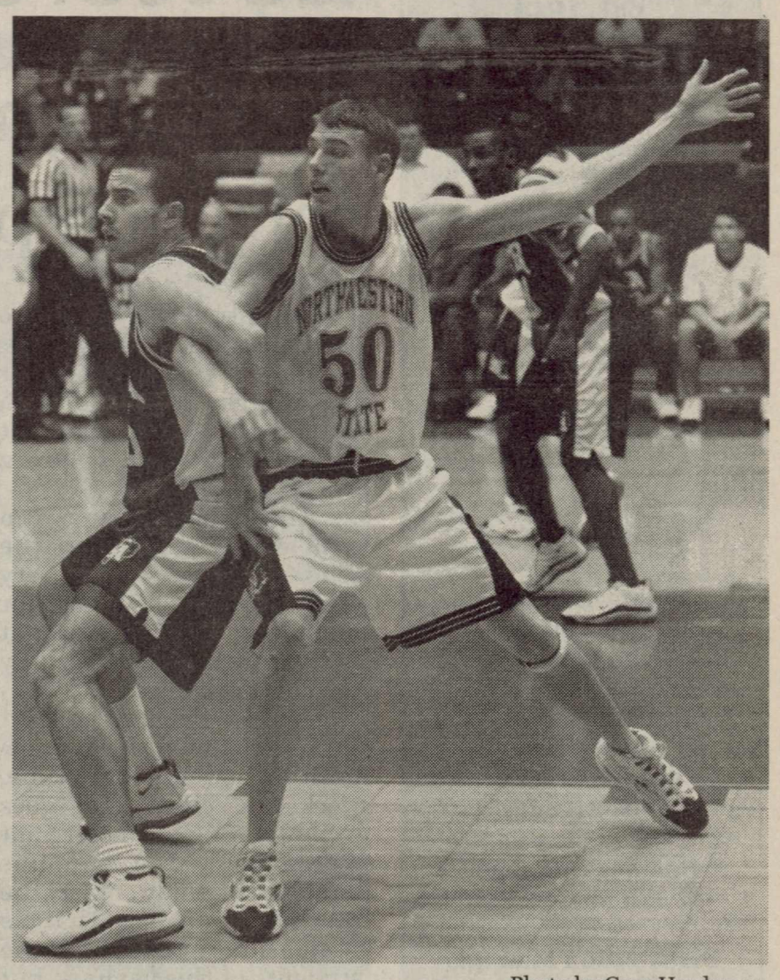

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demons center Charles Thompson posts up on an SFA defender as the demons roll past SFA 80-75 in overtime. Brentt Shropshire led all scorers with 26 points and Richard Taylor led the Demons in rebounds with 10. The Demons improved to 14-12 overall and 10-7 in the Southland Conference. The Demons will host Louisiana-Monroe on March 4th. This will be the Demons' last regular season home game.

Lady Demons are handed a 79-58 loss by SFA

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The tale of two halves once again told the story in NSU's 79-58 loss to conference-leading Stephen F. Austin.

A spirited Lady Demon run in the second half could not overcome the huge 34-point first-half hole the Lady Demons dug themselves into.

In front of the fifth-largest Lady Demon crowd in Prather Coliseum history, the Lady Demons shot a miserable 22.7 percent from the floor in the first half, compared to 60 percent for the Ladyjacks.

Natasheia Wright, who scored 17, was one of six Ladyjack players to score in double-figures. Stephanie Whitmore, along with reserve Patricia Brown, added 13 on the night.

Judy Clark led all Lady Demon players with 17. Louise Chase and Kia Converse were also double-digit scorers with 10 and 13, respectively.

The win was SFA's 19th straight and also secured the Southland conference regular season championship.

"We came out too tight in the first half, " said head coach James Smith. "They opened up too wide a lead and it was almost impossible to comeback."

The Ladyjacks scorched the net, nailing 60percent in the first half.

Chase and Converse along with Emily Huey provide a much-needed interior presence with a combined 18 points in the paint.

"It was the fight we put up in the second half that is important," said Smith. "We started to come back and that got our fans back into it. Our fans, especially the Pep Band were great this game."

Louisiana-Monroe, who ended the Ladyjack's 19-game win streak last Saturday, will be here Saturday in the final home game of the regular season.

----------Boxscores----------

Baseball

February 22
Centenary College (5-11) vs. Northwestern (7-5)

CC	000	000	002	2	7	4
NSU	402	100	40X	11	13	0

WP-Luna (3-0) LP-Rhodes (0-1)
Note: Luna only pitched four complete innings.

February 23
Louisiana Tech (4-8) vs. Northwestern (8-5)

LT	000	000	100	1	7	1
NSU	001	000	01X	2	5	2

WP-Dencausse (1-0) LP-Buckle (1-2) **Save-** Stout (1)

February 25
Northwestern (8-6) vs. Oral Roberts (6-3) @ Tulsa, OK

NSU	032	000	000	5	12	1
OR	104	300	00X	8	10	3

WP-Davis (1-1) LP-Slanina (2-1) **Save-** Market (3)

February 26
Northwestern (9-6) vs. St. Louis University (0-3) @Tulsa, OK

NSU	120	105	130	13	17	1
SLU	100	204	000	7	12	2

WP-Stout (2-2) LP-Hutton (0-1) **Save-** Dencausse (1)

Softball

February 23
Louisiana Tech (5-10) vs. Northwestern (9-4)

LT	000	000	0	1	2	
NSU	033	102	9	10	0	

WP-Holaway (3-2) LP-Schott (2-4)
Note: Jessica Holaway struckout 11 batters.

February 26
Texas-San Antonio (6-6-1, 0-1) vs. Northwestern (10-4, 1-0)

UTSA	000	003	0	3	7	1
NSU	001	001	4	6	9	0

WP-Ortego (4-2) LP-Hayes (1-1)

February 26
Texas-San Antonio (6-7-1, 0-2) vs. Northwestern (11-4, 2-0)

UTSA	000	001	0	1	3	1
NSU	110	004	X	6	7	1

WP-Legget (4-0) LP-Whitley (1-3) **Save-** Holaway (2)

February 27
Texas-San Antonio (7-7-1, 1-2) vs. Northwestern (11-5, 2-1)

UTSA	100	000	2	3	7	0
NSU	002	000	0	2	4	0

WP-D. Briggs (5-3) LP-Ortego (4-3)

Tennis

February 26
Northwestern vs. Arkansas St.

Singles
Geme (ASU) def. Lukic (NSU) 6-4, 6-0
Mathews (NSU) def. Cibils (ASU) 6-3, 7-5
Byrne (ASU) def. Wallace (NSU) 6-2, 6-2
Szafranski (ASU) def. Unger (NSU) 6-3, 6-3
Rana (ASU) def. Lasuzzo (NSU) 6-4, 6-1
Axelsson (ASU) def. Olsen (NSU) 6-1, 6-1

Doubles
Cibils and Byrne (ASU) def. Mathews and Wallace (NSU) 8-4
Geme and Szafranski (ASU) def. Lukic and Lasuzzo (NSU) 8-1
Rana and Axelsson (ASU) def. Unger and Olsen (NSU) 8-4

Records
ASU 5-1
NSU 1-3

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Letters to the edtior

Student understands SAB's selection process but questions it

I think that it is safe to say that the spring semester is a great time of year for most music lovers, due in part to the annual Student Activities Board Spring Fling Concert.

This time of year is fun and entertaining for the student body, but very stressful and arduous for members of the Student Activities Board, especially the concert chair.

As a former concert chair for the SAB, I know from experience the time, work and effort that goes into planning a concert that will make the campus happy. Not only must the SAB find an act that is compatible with the students of this campus, but the act must also fit into the budget of the board.

People who complain that other universities are pulling in much larger acts often don't take the time to weigh what actually goes into the choice of a Spring Fling act. Other universities may be able to get Kid Rock because they are able to pay "Kid Rock dollars."

The planning for the concert begins the previous spring semester when the new concert chair is elected, and goes through the summer and fall and well into the next spring semester. (At least that is how it is normally done.)

From first hand experience, I know how difficult it becomes to "please all of the people, all of the time," and I applaud the SAB and Concert Chair Jeremy Shaw for even being able to pull off a concert because it is not a simple task.

With this said, I must now question the choice of a country band for the concert. I don't think that a country artist best represents the interest of the university.

There are fans of country music that attend NSU, but chances are that they don't outweigh the opinions of those who are not. I feel that a large part of our campus has been alienated by the decision.

Personally, I like some Ska music and there is a small population of the campus that are fans of the genre also. But, I don't suggest that we have a concert for such a small group of people while leaving out the rest of the University, hoping to get ticket sells from surrounding areas.

There are smaller venues during the SAB year to satisfy the fans of country music. Country artists can come during Welcome Week, Homecoming Week activities, tailgate parties, or other Spring Fling activities.

I am not opposed to country music. In fact, I like country music. And if there were a greater audience for it, I would be in favor of a Spring Fling concert featuring country music.

I wish the SAB multitudes of luck with the concert and I truly hope that the concert is a success. Congratulations to Shaw and the SAB on landing a major, national recording artist to visit NSU. I only hope that he will be well received by the students.

Maybe I'm wrong. It wouldn't be the first time... let's hope that I am.

Larry Collins

Student defends country music

Dear Current Sauce,

I would like to comment on your article "KNWD vs Student Activities Board." I was outraged to hear the reaction of KNWD when the Toby Keith concert was announced.

I was offended to hear Toby Keith referred to as a "unknown country singer."

He is very well known and respected in the country music industry. He has had countless top ten songs and has sold millions of albums.

Anyone who listens to country music knows who he is. His current single, "How Do You Like Me Now", is the number six country single this week according to Billboard.com.

It is about time that the SAB picked a country concert for Spring Fling.

There has not been a country artist play here in six years. It is time to give country fans a turn to enjoy the concert.

NO concert would appeal to all the students, so the SAB needs to rotate the musical styles.

There was a student in the article last week talking about how a Massachusetts school has a band called the Roots' playing there. Does that make their concert better than ours?

I have no clue who that band is. It is probably because I don't listen to their type of music. That is why some people on campus don't know who Toby Keith is.

That doesn't make him an "unknown country singer". When I first heard who would be performing this year, I couldn't believe that they could get an artist that successful to come do a concert here.

I was shocked to hear KNWD's reaction to the concert. The SAB is not obligated to consult with them for their choice for the Spring Fling.

We would never have a country artist sing here if it was up to them. It is VERY childish for them to try and convince people over the radio to boycott the concert and attend their rival concert.

I feel that the SAB did a great job in picking out a concert this year, and I hope that the concert is a huge success.

Todd Musick

If you have cartoons or ideas for Current Quotes, please email them to currentsauce@hotmail.com. If you are a student who has run for political office or you know one, email us today. We would like to interview them. If you have a fascinating story or have done something extraordinary email us with RARE STUDENTS in the subject line.

Thank you Helen!

Other cartoonists are encouraged to enter something for publication.

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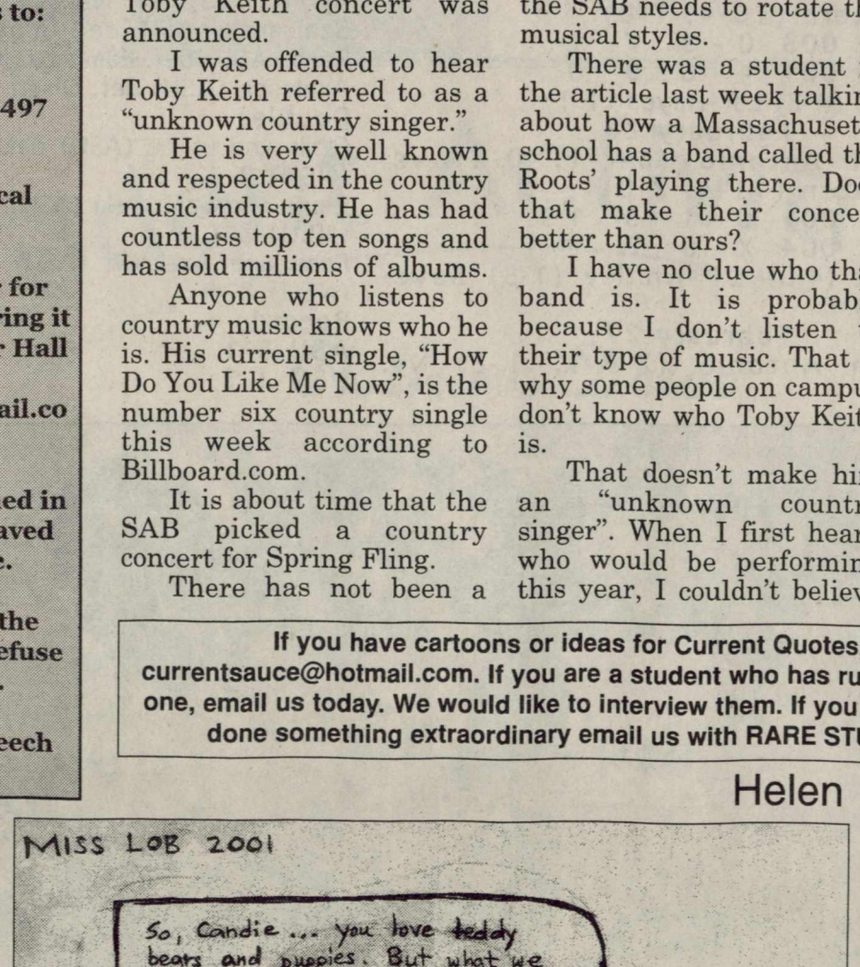
Helen



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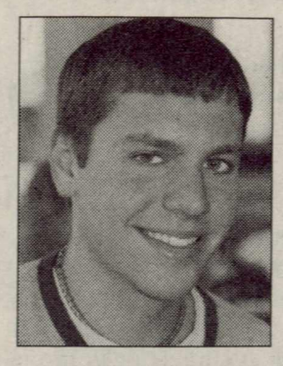
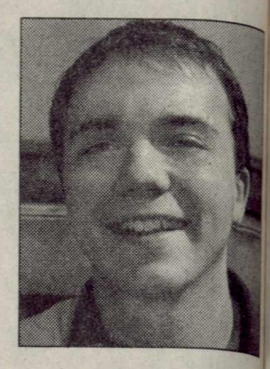
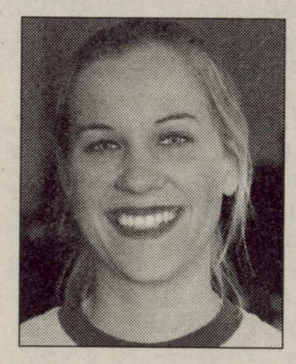


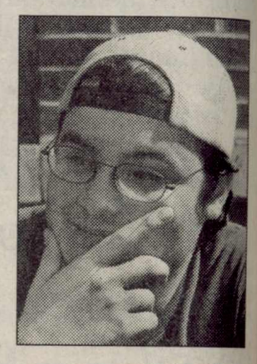
Jared Lightfoot-freshman
KNWD-They know better what the majority of the students wants to listen to. I think it would also be a lot more fun for the students and profitable for the SAB.



Steven Knox-freshman-I support the 20 alternative bands. If Northwestern wants all of the students to come and support this event, it would be nice to let the majority of the campus have a say in what they listen to.



Heather McCardle-junior-SAB-because we, the students of NSU, chose them to represent us and I fully support their decisions.



John Smith-sophomore-II support KNWD's decision because the students spoke and said that they wanted the 20 different local bands, which would be a better concert in my opinion as well. It shouldn't be about raising money.

SGA Positions Open

Three Senator at large and one freshman class senator position are op within the SGA Senate. INterested parties should come by the SGA office and file an application. The office is located at 214 in the Student Union.

Also there is a vacancy for a Supreme Court Justice. Please come by the office to file for this position.

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Former Academy Award nominee to speak on public relations March 6

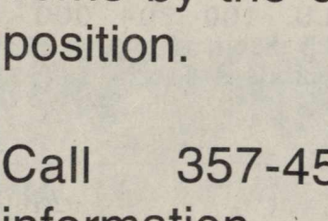
By Amy Lambre
Contributing Writer

A 1986 Academy Award nominee for best documentary will a guest speaker at the Public Relations Student Society of America meeting held in the journalism board room March 6 at 6 p.m.

Judy Williams, president and owner of Williams Creative Group, will be speaking about her 35 years of experience in public relations and how to integrate communication tools into a cohesive plan of action.

She will also talk about the mishaps and successes that go along with the business. Some of her clients include those in the tourism, banking, health care and hospitality industries.

Williams was nominated for an Academy Award in 1986 in the documentary category for writing and production of a 30-minute documentary for the Meadows Museum of Art on



Williams

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Williams, who is one of 300 PRSA Fellows in the United States elected by the Public Relations Society of America, handles marketing, advertising, public relations counseling and special events to name a few.

She is an accredited member of PRSA, the only accredited member in the area. She has written two books and is the winner of a National Addy Award.

In 1985, the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce voted Williams Rising Young Business Leader. In 1991, she was voted one of three "Women Who've Made a Difference" by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

Her latest achievement includes the 1999 Small Business of the Year awarded by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

All students are invited to attend the March 6 meeting. This is an opportunity for students to meet a professional in the field of public relations and marketing. Students in the field of hospitality tourism and management, business, marketing and journalism encouraged to attend.

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Two to compete in state pageant

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

The accounting firm responsible for miscalculating scores in this year's Miss Lady of the Bracelet pageant has offered to account for their mistake.

Freshman Amber Rhyne, who was originally named as this year's Miss LOB, will still receive a full scholarship to the University thanks, in part, to the accounting firm of Hines Jackson and Hines of Natchitoches.

The University will be well represented in the Miss Louisiana pageant this summer as Sabrina Plaisance and Rhyne will both be competing for the crown.

Questions of rather or not both would be able to compete in the pageant were recently answered by the Miss Louisiana Pageant Board.

While other organizations in the past have had problems attempting to enter more than one contestant, a recent decision found that, under the circumstances, it would be acceptable to send both students to the pageant.

The board decided that the franchise fee, paid the summer prior to the pageant, would be waived for the University's second entry.

> *"I think it's great... I'm excited that everything went through and I'm going to get to go as Miss Northwestern State University."*
>
> Amber Rhyne,
> Miss Northwestern

Three weeks after Rhyne was crowned Miss LOB on Jan. 28, student activities organizers realized a miscalculation of scores caused Plaisance to be named this year's true winner.

A six-point discrepancy made the difference between Plaisance being queen and first-runner up.

The accounting firm of Hines Jackson and Hines of Natchitoches miscalculated when adding the scores of the seven contestants.

On a local level, the accounting firm that initially made the mistake in their calculations agreed to pay half of Rhyne's scholarship. SAB is paying the other half of the scholarship.

First-runner up normally receives a half scholarship to the University.

In the competition, Plaisance will carry the title of Northwestern's Miss Lady of the Bracelet and Rhyne will be known as Miss Northwestern.

Rhyne said she is very excited about the decision and is looking forward to the state competition.

"I think it's great. . . I'm excited everything went through and I'm going to get to go as Miss Northwestern State University," she said.

She has already started working toward the pageant as she furthers research on her platform, which increasing women's self-esteem.

She said she's also looking forward to working with the young women on campus and sharing with them her platform.

"I'll probably be doing workshops on campus and hope to get young women involved in learning self-defense and other things such as that."

Suzanna Deshotel, assistant student activities director, said she's happy to see that things worked out for both women.

"The best thing to do was to correct the mistake and try to make it as easy a process for everybody involved," she said. "We're very happy to see that both girls will get to compete in the competition."

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Amber Rhyne will get to compete in this year's Miss Louisiana Pageant. Rhyne was mistakenly crowned Miss LOB 2000.

New video series designed to inform about University, city

By Josh Beavers
Managing Editor

As a way to inform prospective students and teachers about the University, NSU President Randall Webb has begun filming a series of short video segments entitled "A moment with the President."

"We are always looking for an opportunity to get the word out to as many people as possible about all of the good things happening at Northwestern," Webb said. "This is a good way to communicate with people all over the the state about what is going on at the University."

The segments, which are being made in coordination with the department of journalism, will cover a variety of topics, including academic programs, athletics, facilities, important administrators on campus, and the history of the University.

While the project is not finalized, Webb said he hopes that soon the packages will be sent out to television studios around the state as not only a recruitment tool to bring in new students but also as a way of informing less knowledgeable people about the school and town.

"Unfortunately, we find that most people just do not know as much as they should about Northwestern and Natchitoches," he said. "Hopefully, when people see these segments, they will be curious enough to find out more. And if that happens then we will have accomplished what we set out to do."

Spots have already been filmed dealing with such topics as the building of the Jack Clayton Plaza, the progress of the new intramural building, the construction that is taking place at the Women's old gym and the theater program's production of *Galileo*.

Psychology department evaluates faculty, students during self study

By Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

The University Psychology Department evaluated itself recently as part of a University of Louisiana System self study.

"We were chosen as one of the departments to conduct a self study because the Board of Regents and our university is interested in helping to conduct surveys of those departments that are not accredited," Patricia Moulton, psychology department chairwoman, said.

Moulton said that the psychology department is one of the University departments that does not have an accrediting agency.

"If you do not have an accrediting agency, then there is not a set standard, there's not an external agency that is recommending to the University things like faculty to student ratios, resources, space, classrooms, curriculum, and standards for the faculty," Moulton said. "You never really know how you are doing as a department either because no one is really monitoring you.

Moulton said that the self study will enable standards to be set for these departments.

"They decided to do an internal self study for departments that are not accredited to assist us in evaluating what we are doing well, what we are not, and hopefully help us to make recommendations about the direction we need to move in to become stronger departments"

As part of the internal self study, psychology faculty met weekly throughout most of the semester to write two self study documents, one on the undergraduate program and one on the graduate program, which include evidence of the department's findings.

"We had work sessions that lasted well into the night literally," Moulton said. Other universities will review the department once the study is complete.

The department surveyed psychology students to determine if students would confirm their findings.

"We wondered if the students perceived it the same way that we did," Moulton said. "We were pretty close between what we thought we did well and where they thought we miss, and what they thought we did well and where they thought that we miss."

Both faculty and students identified the department's faculty as a strength.

"Overall what we found on both fronts was that the faculty was seen as a strength, which was really an honor to have students acknowledge that," Moulton said. "That was the highlight of this whole self study."

Moulton said that the weaknesses of the program are large class sizes in upper level courses, small classrooms, poor facilities, and a low number of faculty.

"One of the big ones [problems] always for psychology, such a large major, is that we always feel pulled in a million directions as faculty because our student to teacher ratio is so incredi

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Teleconference with military legend to be part of student talk show

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

University students approach a live teleconference with General Colin Powell from a talk show angle.

Journalism 3450, a basic television techniques class will host a student talk show on March 21. From 12 p.m. until 12:30 p.m., talk show guests will discuss the affect of military values in military and civilian life.

File Photo
General Colin Powell talks with a veteran that was paralyzed during the Gulf War in 1991. The Powell teleconference will highlight a University talk show focused on the military.

The teleconference with Powell will follow and conclude at 2 p.m. During the teleconference students from universities around the country can submit questions to Powell via telephone, e-mail and fax.

Special guest, Command Sergeant Major Vade Gordon, senior instructor of ROTC, said, "This is an opportunity to expand the horizons of some young people."

He said the talk show will allow students to see what the military is and what it's not.

Captain Trent Stevens, assistant professor, said the purpose of this project is to allow his students hands on experience in television. Stevens allowed his students to choose their positions and let the producer and director take charge of the entire project.

"He's trying to teach us responsibility," said Sophomore Shelli Briery, producer of the talk show. "He's been on the professional side of broadcast and he's just trying to show us what to expect."

Although the talk show is not intended for broadcast on NSU22, students involved in the project are taking it very seriously.

"Because I'm a Broadcast major I find this very important because most likely I'll be doing one of these jobs," said Briery.

"You can't teach journalism straight from a book, especially, production," said Stevens.

He said turning most of the responsibility over to the students will be stressful for them, but it will ultimately test their journalism skills.

Stevens said all who attend the talk show and teleconference will benefit primarily because of Powell's notoriety.

Nadra Harris, camerawoman for the project, said "I'm excited because it's not everyday you get to see Colin Powell. Even though he won't be talking directly to NSU students, I'm glad NSU is allowing us to have this program."

Briery asks that students who plan to attend the talk show arrive at the studio by 11:45 to allow time to set up. The talk show and teleconference will be held in the television studio in Kyser Hall.

Officials stress completion of Census forms by students

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Why should students take time to fill out forms for Census 2000?

Woody Blair, the university coordinator of residential life, said the Census Bureaus said each person missed in the survey costs the city or community $7,000 a year in government funds.

This directly affects students in the area of Financial Aid, Francis Conine, director of student services, said.

Jim Bullock, special place operations supervisor for Northwest La., said the Census Bureau and the university are primarily concerned with reaching students and staff living on campus because questionnaires can not be mailed directly to them.

The Census Bureau held a meeting on Monday to inform the faculty and staff about the disbursement of questionnaires on campus.

Blair said a drop-box might be provided for students to drop off their forms in the lobbies of all residential halls eliminate the need for mailing the reply.

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years to determine the number of seats for each state in the House of Representatives. However, the census is also used by community leaders to plan schools, build roads and provide health-care services, among other things.

There are two types of census forms being distributed. One is a short form and the other a longer version. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the short version takes approximately 10 minutes to complete while the long version take 38 minutes.

About 83 percent of households will receive the short version and 17 percent the long. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's web site, more than $185 billion in federal funds are awarded to local state and local governments based on census numbers.

STUDY: Professors find self exam useful to determine weak points of program

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bly high," Moulton said. "It is almost double what the standards are across the state for other schools."

Moulton said that the University has responded to this problem.

"We have received assistance in that area. We got a new faculty member last year. We're supposed to get another one this year," Moulton said.

Moulton said that the University painted and added new equipment to the psychology facilities located on the third floor of Bienvenue Hall.

"It's still not the Taj Mahal," Moulton said. "We're moving in the right direction."

The self study showed a need for technology within the department said Moulton.

Graduates requested a computer lab for psychology graduates in Bienvenue Hall.

Moulton said that no system exists to monitor graduates of the psychology
departments for success outside of the University.

"There isn't a system for tracking our students," Moulton said.

To remedy this, Moulton said that the department will establish an alumni association for the department which will work with the University Alumni Association.

Moulton said that the current exit exam system will also be revamped. As it is, the exit exam is separate from class, and students tend not to take it seriously
Moulton said.

"It has a been a really difficult process. Difficult meaning the time involved. It has been really hard to find the time to do this and to do this well," Moulton said. "We have looked at status quo and questioned why it has been done."

Cynthia Lindsey, a new professor to the department and former University student, said that the self study produced useful information.

"On a number of different levels, I learned the value of the department, the strengths of the department, the number of students that we serve and their impact on the profession and on the department, as well as the areas that the program and the department need to improve to better serve the students," Lindsey said. "On a different level, I learned how fun it truly is to be a member of this department and working with this faculty."

Lindsey said that the department must react to the weaknesses that were identified.

"It felt good to identify the weaknesses, but growth comes from identifying our weaknesses and changing them," Lindsey said. "I think it's going to do nothing but improve our department."

Moulton agreed about the benefits of the self study.

"The bottom line goal is to help us become better departments primarily for our students," Moulton said.

SAB enters new year with new student leaders

By Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

The new executive members of the Student Activities are looking forward to a new year filled with excitement and new challenges.

The Student Activities Board held their executive board elections on Monday, March 13.

The new board includes; Sarah Griffith, President; Allison Nunley, Vice-president; Michelle Meyer, Secretary/Treasurer; Public Relations and Advertising, Ashlee Crooks; and Parliamentarian, Jeremy Shaw. Only one of the committee chairs was elected because the meeting was running short on time. Adam Allen will chair the concert committee for next year.

Newly elected president Sarah Griffith said a special meeting to continue the committee elections will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at noon.

"We ran out of time," Greg O'Quinn, current SAB president added. "We started at twelve and we didn't finish with the first set until almost two o'clock and we called a special meeting for Wednesday."

To hold an executive position on the Student Activities Board one must have served two consecutive semesters on the board. All committee head positions are open to those who have served one semester on the board.

"I've been on Student Activities Board for awhile now," Sarah Griffith, newly elected president said. "I have been a residential rep, committee-at-large, and I am currently the LOB committee head. I've also held various leadership positions in other organizations, and through all my activities, I've acquired the leadership skills and abilities enable me to do the job."

> ***"I am really looking forward to it. It's going to be an awesome year next year."***
>
> **Sarah Griffith, SAB President-elect**

Griffith is sharing the board with Meyer, the newly elected secretary /treasurer.

"I was the Varnado representative, and I was on the Spring Fling committee for two semesters," Meyer said.

Both expressed their enthusiasm and excitement about serving on the new executive board.

"I am very excited," Meyer said. "I think I can do a really good job at it because I am very organized and since I am secretary, it's something I really love . . .I am just pumped up about the whole entire thing."

"I am very excited about it," Griffith said. "I am really looking forward to it. It's going to be an awesome year next year."

Griffith and Meyer have already begun thinking of new ideas for the board. Griffith would like to implement a new program for freshman called the "Freshman Factor" to get students more involved early on. She also plans on handling any SAB controversy with honesty.

"(Of the Lady of the Bracelet controversy) I just held my composure, answered the questions and I was just honest," she said. "That's how I'm going to be handling things, I'll be honest with everyone."

Meyer also has plans for the future of the SAB.

"Since my job is secretary and treasurer, not just secretary, I plan on actually getting to know the budget better," she said. "I hope to work with the Vice-president more along the lines of knowing the budget and not just passing money at random and knowing specifically how the money is spent."

Current president O'Quinn wishes the new board luck as he leaves his position behind.

"I really wish them the best of luck because it is very hard to try and serve the student body as a whole," O'Quinn said. "I hope that they continue to strive to be able to reach out to everybody and try to meet as many student needs as possible."

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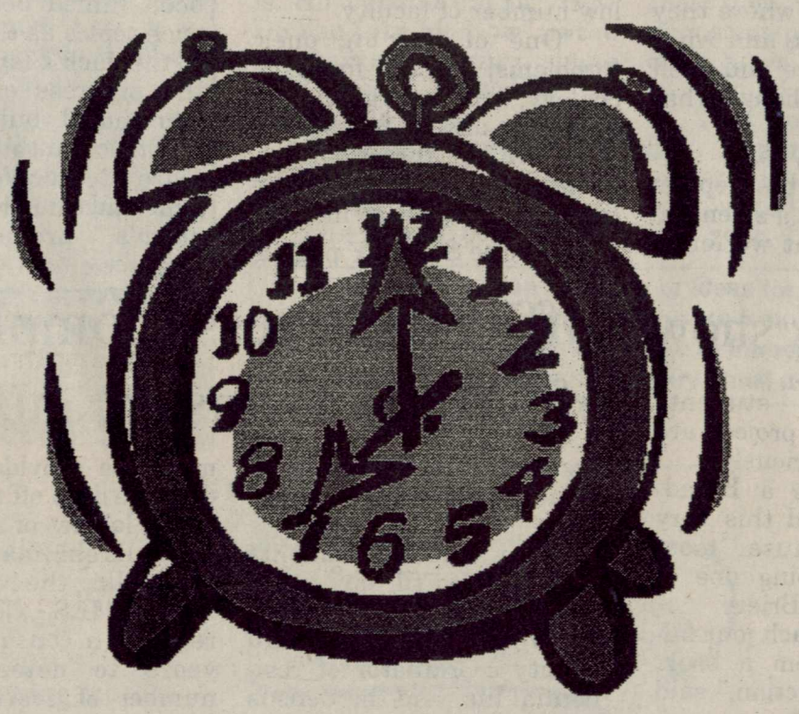

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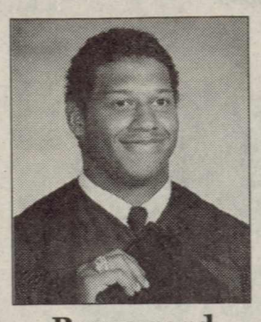
Broussard honored by Louisiana System Board

William Broussard, a senior in the Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University, was recognized by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors at its meeting last month in Baton Rouge.

Broussard, who is an English major with an emphasis in professional writing, has excelled as a student-athlete at NSU. He has earned All-American, All- Louisiana and All-Southland Conference honors while lettering four years at center for the Northwestern football team.

A seven-time Dean's List student, Broussard was chosen by the Northwestern student body as Mr. NSU. He was a featured presenter at Northwestern's Research Day and was chosen to present a paper at the Louisiana Association of College Composition Annual Conference.



Broussard

Broussard was a Rhodes Scholar candidate, a Burger King College Football Scholar Athlete Award winner and a recipient of a National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame Post-Graduate Scholarship.

Last summer, New Man Christian Magazine featured Broussard in an article, "21 Heroes for the 21st Century."

"William possesses all the attributes that make him 'the total package.' I am pleased that the board has seen fit to recognize him for his achievements," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "Any university would be proud to have him as a student. We are so happy that William is a representative of Northwestern."

Webb along with Dr. Margaret Cochran, director of the Scholars' College and Associate Professor of English Dr. Jay Means, his thesis adviser, introduced Broussard to the Board.

"I am grateful that the Board is taking time to honor one of the people they work so hard for," said Broussard. "This is also a good chance for us to highlight the Scholars' College and let them know what we are doing."

Broussard is also active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has spoken to a number of civic and youth groups in the Natchitoches area.

He has also been an NSU Ambassador and has worked in Northwestern's Office of Admissions and Recruiting.

Faculty member's work used by Grammy-winning performer

Northwestern State faculty member Dr. Julie Kane has found a new medium for her work. A poem by Kane has been set to music and included on a CD by the American Boychoir.

Kane's poem, "Reasons for Loving the Harmonica," is included on the CD "Fast Cats and Mysterious Cows," which is available on the Virgin Classic label. The poem was set to music by composer Libby Larsen. The CD also includes works composed by Aaron Copland, James D'Angelo and Leonard Bernstein.

"I was absolutely thrilled to have my work used in this way," said Kane, a visiting assistant professor of English at NSU. "I've had an interest in the relationship between poetry and music. My doctoral dissertation was on a fixed poetic form that evolved from musical lyrics. Now some of my work has gone the other way."

Larsen won a Grammy in 1994 as producer for the CD, "The Art of Arleen Auger," an acclaimed recording that features Larsen's "Sonnets from the Portuguese."

Her opera, "Frankenstein, The Modern Prometheus" was selected as one of the eight best classical musical events of 1990 by USA Today. Her music has been commissioned and performed widely by the world's greatest artists. She was the first woman to serve as a resident composer with a major orchestra, Larsen has held residencies with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Charlotte Symphony and the Colorado Symphony.

Kane said Larsen initially came across the poem in an anthology of poems on music "Mixed Voices" that had been published by Milkweed Editions. Larsen had been commissioned by the American Boychoir to compose a work to be premiered by the choir and asked Kane for permission to use the poem. Kane readily agreed."Reasons for Loving the Harmonica" has been incorporated into the standard repertoire for the American Boychoir's national tours.

"Ms. Larsen wrote to me that the boys particularly like the piece because they get to sing the line 'Because it tolerates spit' in reference to a harmonica and make a spitting noise on the word 'spit,' which always makes the audience laugh, and because they get to imitate the sound of a harmonica with their voices at the beginning and end," said Kane.

Mid-Term Grades

Grades will be available to pick up today and tomorrow from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby.

A picture ID is required.

SGA NEWS

Filings for elections will close Wednesday March 22 at noon. Anyone interested filing for president, vice president, treasurer, or a senate position should stop by the office in the Student Union for an intent to file form.

Meet your SGA Representative Day will be held Wednesday in front of Vic's. Representatives from SGA will be on hand to meet students and answer questions from 10 am to 2 pm.
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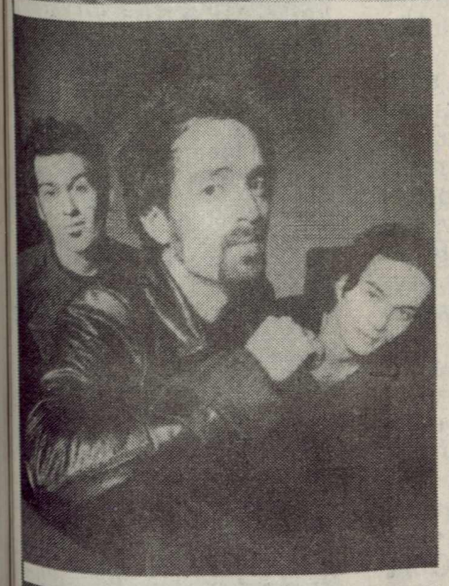

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FEATURES

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How much knowledge can fit into one room?

Quite a lot.

This past weekend, Northwestern's Society of Physics Students hosted Sci2k, a science celebration, where high school and college students from across the South gathered to hear lectures on various scientific matters.

Northwestern's SPS chapter is one of several dozen Zone 10 chapters from Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee.

This weekend also provided an opportunity for the Zone 10 chapters to have a meeting, conducted by Zone Counselor and SPS President Gary White, coordinator of the University physics and chemistry department.

Speakers from various aspects of physics gathered to discuss everything from solar astronomy to "Sulfur and Selenium Ligand Complexes of Te (II)."

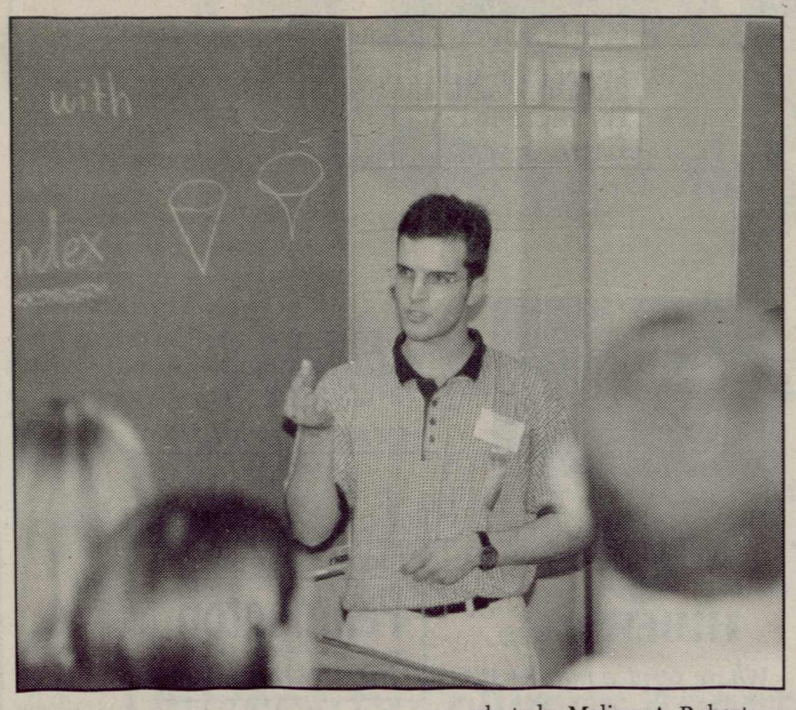
David Hathaway, a solar astronomer, specializing in image processing and helioseismology, a science that studies the interior movements of the Sun, began Sci2k with an overview of his job at NASA.

Hathaway described his current efforts to probe and map the Sun through satellite observation. Although Hathaway specializes in solar astronomy, he believes that NASA's and his main objective is to make discoveries.

"In my mind, we're in the business of making discoveries," Hathaway said. "That's what brought me to physics. It's all about finding how this universe works and how this world we live in works."

University students Kristen Russell and Marcie Kimball involved the audience through their presentation "Facets of Geometry." The presentation, created by Russell and Kimball, offers a fun alternative to typical geometry lessons.

Each member of the audience is given an object of different shapes and sizes, such as rectangles, squares or stars, and told to count vertices (places where edges meet), the edges and the faces of the shape.



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Students watch NSU SPS President Michael Walker demonstrate the orbital systems using a strip of spandex tacked to plywood and marbles, which represent the planets.

After all the students have completed this task, the teachers ask the students the significance of the numbers. Although the lecture was intended for elementary to high school students, it stumped the college students for a few minutes.

Following a lecture given by Yale professor Robert Adair the students participated in several demonstrations, given by University physics and chemistry professors and students.

Demonstrations

Edward Graham, chemistry professor, began the demonstrations by showing students "Oscillating Chemical Reactions." Graham discussed the role of entropy, laws of thermodynamics and chemical changes that occur over time.

Graham gave several examples of those changes, such as adding vinegar to Welch's grape juice to turn the color green. This describes, Graham said, an order within chaos.

Although several students left the demonstration still scratching their heads, Natchitoches Central High School students Samantha Bonnette and Melanie Rachal enjoyed Graham's chemical demonstrations.

"I enjoyed the lesson very much," Rachal said. "I especially thought that the experiments were a good way for him to show us how various things interact."

Senior Northwestern physics student Ben Williams puzzled the audience at the next demonstration, "Laser Mirage" where Williams bent a beam of light using nothing but a laser beam and a clear glass box filled with water.

Williams explained that as the water at the top of the glass box gets hot, it becomes less dense. In turn, Williams made the water at the bottom of the glass box icy cold, which made it denser than the hotter water.

Because of the change in density, the laser beam bent, Williams concluded.

NCHS gifted math teacher Ann Cade said the high school students probably enjoyed the lecture more because of the demonstrations.

"Having the equipment to see the effect of temperature gradient on light is very effective and much more interesting than the lectures students often hear in high school," Cade said.

All Louisiana residents could relate to the next demonstration - static electricity. Kelly Knowlton, University physics professor, showed students the effects of static electricity and was rewarded with a squeal from one students when he created artificial lightening, which crackled across the table.

Knowlton created the lightening using two static electricity generators, which consisted of an aluminum globe on top of a post containing a rubber belt and a wire brush. After charging one generator to a high voltage, Knowlton set the two generators beside each other and artificial lightening bolts of almost three inches long bounced back and forth between the generators.

With the same instruments, Knowlton brought a snowstorm into Fournet Hall by placing a Styrofoam cup, containing Styrofoam pieces on top of the aluminum globe. When the generator was charged, the white pieces of Styrofoam shot out of the cup and across the room.

Senior NCHS student Katherine Guidry assisted Knowlton with his next experiment by literally making her hair stand on end. Touching one charged generator, Guidry had a "hair-raising" experience as the static electricity lifted her hair.

"That was so weird," Guidry said, laughing. "It felt all tingly. All the hairs on my arms stood up, too!"

Northwestern SPS president Michael Walker led the next demonstration. Using a round strip of spandex, Walker exhibited the orbital solar system.

Walker then placed marbles, representing the planets, on the spandex, and as the marbles traveled around the spandex, they slowed down due to friction. The friction also pulled the marbles in closer to the center, which explained the planets' orbits.

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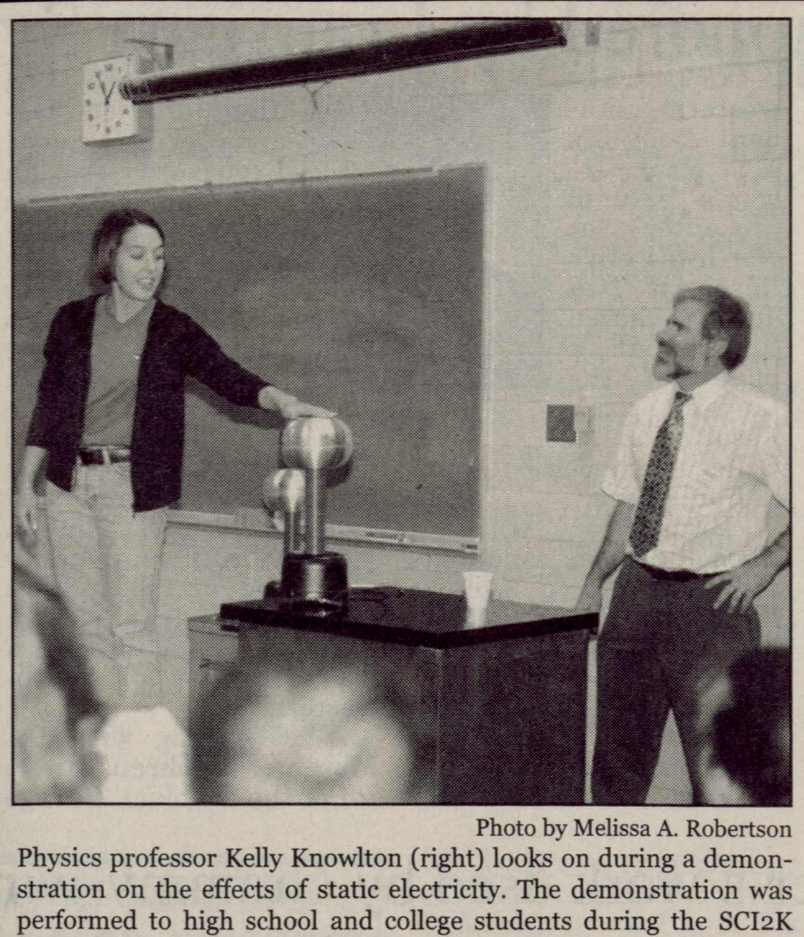

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Physics professor Kelly Knowlton (right) looks on during a demonstration on the effects of static electricity. The demonstration was performed to high school and college students during the SCI2K event Friday.

Just for Fun

Because of the poor weather, several Sci2k events, such as a sunspot observation and an Apple Computer Drop from Fournet Hall were cancelled.

However, students enjoyed a spectral show, set-up by University physics students', Mark Lentz, Bob Trull and Scott Dodd. Using 3D glasses, students entered a classroom-turned-spectrum room. The room contained several red and green lasers and black lights, which brought out a different side of the laundry detergent that was spread across the walls. Delicately placed mirrors reflected the laser beams across the room, giving students the feeling of being in a "Fun House" at Six Flags.

Kristen Russell demonstrated another chemical reaction, while pleasing students' sweet tooth, by making liquid nitrogen ice cream. Russell used a recipe from her grandmother (minus the liquid nitrogen, of course), and made huge batches of creamy ice cream, that tasted more like cake icing, said the tasters.

Several University physics students and Gary White added another dimension to the fun stuff with a physics timeline, which stretched across eight feet and covered several hundred years.

The Hard Stuff

Saturday's lectures were more involved than Friday's, but still kept everyone's interest with their wide range of topics.

Students, professors and non-academia speakers lectured on their field of study, including Yale professor and author of *The Physics of Baseball*, Robert Adair.

Adair, who discussed his book, went into great detail about the physics of pitching a baseball and hitting the ball, as well as other baseball-oriented physics. Although both pitching and hitting a baseball can be described through physics, it also requires luck, Adair said.

LSU Medical Center coordinator of Positron Emission Topography. imaging, John Sunderland, addressed the newest form of medical imaging, P.E.T. imaging with anti-matter. The process reveals more than typical CT scans and can be used to prevent unneeded or ineffectual surgeries. The scan uses a grid of gamma rays passing over the subject in pieces and compiles the pieces together to complete the image.

Sunderland described a recent case, where a CT scan recognized a small tumor and a surgeon immediately operated, removing the small tumor. A P.E.T. was then done, after which another larger tumor was discovered, unseen by the CT scan or operating surgeon.

Sunderland said many surgeries could be prevented through the use of a P.E.T. Each P.E.T. imaging costs about $2000, and approximately 12,000 P.E.T.'s are currently available world-wide.

NASA solar astronomer David Hathaway continued his lecture from Friday, further describing the key to understanding the Sun. He provided NASA videos on sunspots and other solar projections and then described another interest of his, image processing.

Hathaway said he and several of his colleagues recently patented an image stabilizer after working with the F.B.I. on several high profile cases. The Video Image Stabilization and Registration goes further than most governmental image-clearing systems, reducing blurring and noise and stabilizing the image.

Hathaway said VISAR has several useful applications, several of which are for the military, forensics, engineering, medicine and video production. VISAR is capable of compiling several blurry, shaky video frames consisting of excess noise and creating a stable, clearer image.

Several other speakers included John Matese, University of Louisiana at Lafayette physics professor, who spoke about the Oort Comet Cloud, which lies outside Pluto's orbit; Northwestern chemistry professor Martin Rudd and senior chemistry student Matt Creighton, who discussed their personal project, pertaining to synthesizing complexes; Mark Coles, from LIGO in Livingston, who talked about gravity waves, and LIGO's new detection process.

Students interested in joining SPS should contact Gary White at 357-5233.

My Side

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

This past weekend, I participated in Sci2k, a science convention for high school and college students.

The convention drew big names in the field of physics, whom you can read about in the article on this page.

Although the average Joe might not have been impressed with a NASA solar astronomer or a Yale professor/author, I sure was.

I am extremely proud that Northwestern had the opportunity to host such an event and to involve such prominent figures.

So many times in the past, I have heard my colleagues whine and complain about Northwestern's lack of involvement and its lack of popularity.

Just last year, University students moaned about SAB's choice for Spring Fling. So, this year, the guys bust their butts to book a big name musician. Does this make the students happy?

No. In fact, students seemed to find another reason to complain this year about the musician choice.

This is merely one example of several hundred similar complaints I hear constantly voiced around campus.

Let me give everyone a little thought and word of advice. This place is what you make of it.

Speaking in negative generalities is going to cause a negative environment.

Here are a few positive attributes Northwestern has brought lately.

Students who stayed awake for Fine Arts class should remember the name Ellis Marsalis. Marsalis, a jazz musician is scheduled to perform next week at Northwestern.

Several year ago Northwestern's Distinguished Lecture Series drew the names of CNN's Robert Novak, Coretta Scott King, Robert Kennedy Jr., and Pulitzer Prize winner John Updike.

This past weekend, SCI2K brought Robert Adair, a Yale professor who wrote *The Physics of Baseball* and who hangs out with Nobel Prize winners in his spare time.

These people would have never come to Northwestern had it not been for someone thinking that Northwestern was capable of getting their assistance.

This means that a couple of guys in the physics department said, "Hey, why not try to get this guy? I bet he'd come talk to a bunch of physics students."

And 'lo and behold, they booked him.

The point is, don't look beyond the tip of your nose to blame for things not being hunky dory for you.

If you want a certain speaker to give a lecture, figure out how to schedule him yourself.

Don't wait until you aren't satisfied with the final choice. Complaining afterwards does no good except giving me a subject for my column. So, be heard. But make sure you are heard *before* the choice is made.

Arts & Entertainment

A&E News in Brief

A Berry bad situation

Berry

Signs say that Halle Berry is going to be hiring a chauffeur real soon.

The woman hurt in Berry's alleged hit-and-run crash last month is now suing the actress for damages, claiming the Golden Globe winner was either drunk or stoned during the wreck and that the incident left the woman permanently disabled.

Berry says the drunkard claims are "both dishonest and reprehensible."

But Hetal Raythatha says Berry is guilty of negligence in the Feb. 23 accident and causing emotional distress. Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies filed a criminal complaint against the 31-year-old actress last week. The accident happened west on Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood.

Meanwhile, the L.A. District Attorney's office has not made a decision on whether it will file felony hit-and-run charges against Berry.

Berry was sued in 1998 by a disgruntled Volkswagen driver who claimed she rammed her Range Rover into his vehicle while driving on the same stretch of Sunset Boulevard in 1997.

Silent Bob vs. Mickey Mouse?

Smith

Director Kevin Smith seems to enjoy taking on the big guys. First it was God, and now he's stepping up to Mickey Mouse.

The creator of *Chasing* ...my and of the controversial ...eligious flick *Dogma* continues ...o slam Disneyfied ABC over its ...ecision to postpone the debut ...f the animated sitcom version ...f *Clerks* until May 31. His ...abid Internet fan base promptly ...oined in, rallying support to ...ake sure his new cartoon does...'t get canned.

"May 31 pretty much ...nsures the show's failure, in ...y book," he says, pointing out ...hat the summer months are typ...ally a TV-ratings wasteland.

Smith initially hoped ...e Miramax TV-produced ...ow would air before April, ...ith the rest of the midseason ...ows.

DaBrat and DaBrawl

DaBrat

Last week's brawl between Da Brat and another female at an Atlanta bar appears to have sparked a retaliatory act of violence, as five of ...e rapper's friends were injured ...a drive-by shooting on Sun...ay morning.

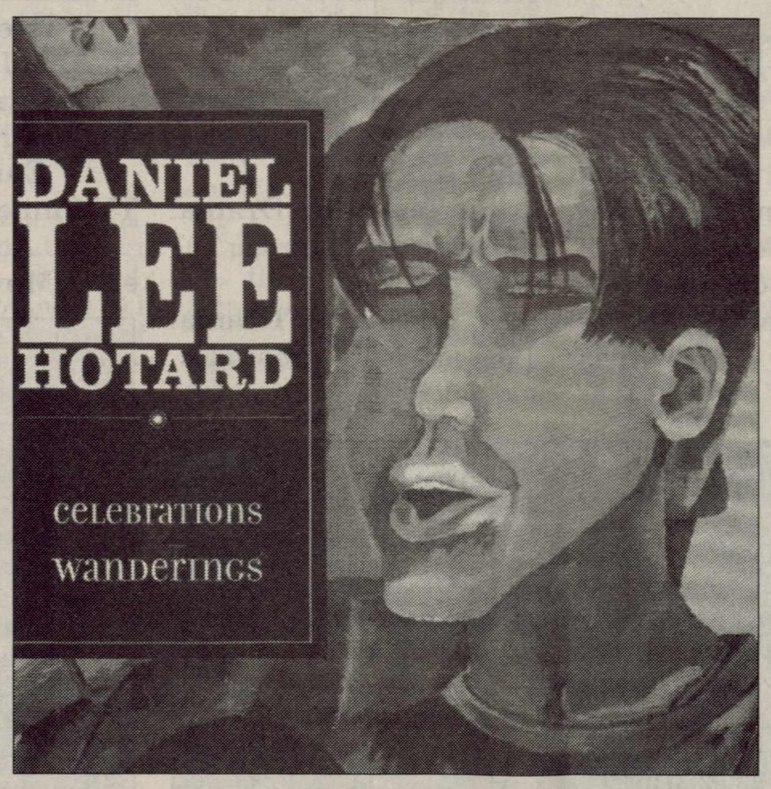
According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution," ...e shooting occurred around ...40 a.m. Sunday as a group of ...a Brat's friends and relatives ...ere returning to the rapper's ...artment in the Buckhead area ...Atlanta in a stretch limousine.

Atlanta police believe ...e limousine and its occupants ...ere fired upon by two ...known assailants in a silver ...ord Thunderbird.

Five people, whose ...ames have not yet been ...eleased by police, were injured ...the scene.

Atlanta, Baton Rouge musicians set to entertain Natchitoches

By Gregory Gelpi
Sauce Reporter



Daniel Lee Hotard will perform songs from his album Celebrations and Wanderings for Natchitoches this Saturday at the riverfront stage. Along with Hotard will be Jason Marcum.

Two up and coming musicians will play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday on the riverfront stage.

Jason Marcum of Atlanta and Daniel Hotard of Baton Rouge will perform original music and cover a wide range of songs from Dave Matthews to Young MC.

"Jason just loves playing, whether it is bar gigs or something more intimate," Hotard said.

Marcum typically plays six shows each week and will fly to Baton Rouge specifically to play in Natchitoches.

"Jason has played in every major city in the U.S.," Hotard said. "He's been playing since before Pearl Jam."

Marcum will be releasing a new album shortly. He just finished production of the music video for his next single "Sweet Love".

"He was revered for his technical guitar playing when he first broke into the music scene," Hotard said.

"He has been seeking to find a balance between his technical guitar playing and his writing."

Marcum has played on the same bill with musicians ranging from Chris Cornell to Shawn Mullins.

Hotard was musically inspired by such artists as Sting, Jeff Buckley, and Martin Sexton.

" I was baby fed Sting. It's better than Gerber," Hotard said.

Hotard addresses life's serious and not so serious questions through his music.

"Stop at the rest-stop, perch upon the porcelain / And try to answer the questions that surround me on the wall," writes Hotard in "Road Song" off of his 1998 album entitled Celebrations and Wanderings.

Both Marcum and Hotard play with bands, although the show Saturday will feature just the two musicians.

Hotard played with the band Janus for several years, even opening up for Cowboy Mouth and Better than Ezra.

Most recently Hotard opened up for Jude at the Varsity Theatre in Baton Rouge.

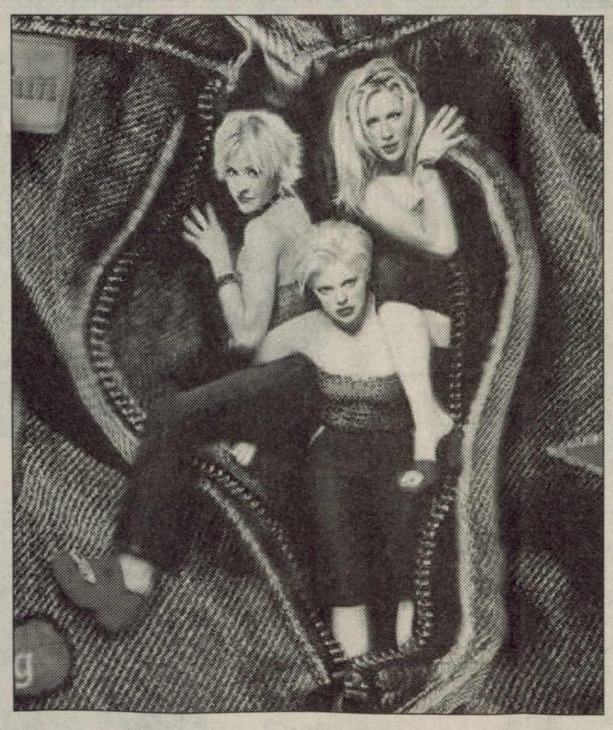
Marcum and Hotard not only play music, but perform as well. Hotard once did a show with his former band Janus in only his boxers to please the crowd.

Hotard said that as at all of his shows, door prizes will be given away.

"We're laid back and like to have a good time," Hotard said.

New Dixie Chicks song causes some controversy

By Josh Green
Sauce Repoter



The Dixie Chicks' new song "Goodbye Earl" stirs up controversy in the world of contry music.

Goodbye Earl, the most recent song released from the Dixie Chicks' *Fly* album has received negative reaction from some country music fans across the country.

The song, which is based on a wife getting revenge on an abusive husband, has reeked havoc on some radio program directors across the country, forcing them to prohibit it from reaching the airwaves. Many have said that the lyrics to the song are much too morbid for country music.

Locally, *The Current Sauce* found no radio stations in the central Louisiana area that prohibit the play of the *Goodbye Earl*.

Ed Goble, programming director for Natchitoches' 94.9 "The River", said that the song has been programmed into that station's format and has received no flack from listeners.

Goble said that the song has only been played on a light rotation, about twice a day, and has not really been played heavily yet. "The way this thing is moving up the charts, though, we're going to be playing it many more times a day," he said.

Once *Goodbye Earl* is played more heavily in the area some public opinion may be expressed.

On campus, student opinion appears to be mixed. Some agree that the song is much too morbid to be heard anywhere. "It doesn't sound like something that would be on the radio," was Michael Johnson's response after reading the lyrics for the first time. Sophomore Wes Breeden said that "*Goodbye Earl*" is nothing he would have expected from a country music group like the Dixie Chicks.

"It's not any more morbid than any rock song today, but since it's country music and its listeners are not used to that, it probably is a little too morbid for that type of music," he said.

Others have different opinions. Chad Black, freshman, said that once he saw the music video for the *Goodbye Earl*, he realized that the Dixie Chicks were actually going for a light-hearted approach.

"They used characters that are associated with comedy, and the expressions that the Dixie Chicks use during the music video make you realize that they are not going for a morbid approach."

The video contains well-known actor *Dennis Franz* of NYPD Blue, actress Lauren Holly of *Dumb and Dumber*, and many others.

The Dixie Chicks' *Fly* album appears to be doing very well -- it reached No. 1 last week.

Goodbye Earl
Murder, death and abuse
or friendship and love...
you decide

NYPD Blue's Dennis Franz stars with the Dixie Chicks in the video for "Goodbye Earl."

Who wants to be a beauty queen?

By Larry Collins
A&E Editor

Miss Teen All American 1999
Jenna Edwards

University students and students from around the United States will have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of film star and Golden Globe winner Halle Berry as Miss Teen All American.

The annual pageant is set to take place in Miami on Aug. 3-6 at the Miami Airport Hilton.

"The 22nd Annual event is the premiere national pageant for teenagers in America and has the greatest number of former contestants in the modeling and entertainment industry today," pageant President Marie Sweeny said.

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Teenallam@aol.com

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The contestants are judged in three categories: evening gown, swimsuit and personal interview.

"All contestants at the national pageant will be interviewed by representatives from the TV and film industry and modeling agency personnel."

One unique aspect of this pageant is that there is no talent competition.

The only qualifications are that the perspective contestant be between the ages of 13 and 19 as of Aug. 1, 2000, never been married and a legal resident of the United States, its possessions or Canada.

Anyone that is interested should sent a recent photo, name, address, telephonenumber, date of birth and a short biography to the address, phone number or e-mail address found in the center of this story.

The deadline for the application is March 31.

Among numerous prizes the winner of the contest will receive $ 5,000 cash, a personal appearance contract, jewelry, Designer clothing, a $500 shoe wardrobe, and numerous travel opportunities.

Former Miss Teen All American contestants include Gina Tognoni who plays Kelly Cramer on the daytime drama "One Life to Live," Paula Trickey and Shanna Moakler from the USA Network show "PacificBlue."

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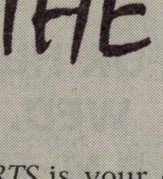
I heard that Fiona Apple had a nervous breakdown. Is this true?

Joni Naquin
Junior



Apple

Well, I don't know if you would really call what she had a breakdown. It was more like a temper tantrum.

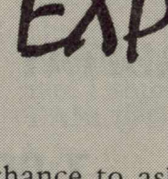
Fiona was performing at New York's Roseland Ballroom when she began to have a good deal of technical problems and many aspects of her show began to go wrong. She began to curse and rant between songs. She even went so far as to re-start a song over and over again for about 3 times.

After that, she fell to her knees and began to cry and scream on stage. See, not a breakdown, just a typical Fiona tantrum.

She has had numerous tirades of the sort through the years.

Can you tell me something about the cast of Sex and the City? I love that show!

Rebecca Renee'
Sophomore



Parker

The very talented cast of *Sex and the City* have an extremely impresive and extensive history.

Star, Sarah Jessica Parker, just won the Golden Globe Award for best performance by an actress in a comedy series and the show won Best Comedy series.

Kristen Davis played the devious Brooke Armstrong on the Aaron Spelling Drama *Melrose Place.*

You may remember Kim Catrall from *Star Trek 6* and the 80s movie *Mannequin.*

Cynthia Nixon is starring a New York production of "*The Vagina Monolougues.*"

New episodes of the show return to the airwaves in June of this year.

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Screen Actor's Guild Awards set Oscar pace

Oscar night is shaping up to be very "*Beauty*"-ful.

Annette Bening and Kevin Spacey snagged top honors from their acting brethren at Sunday night's Screen Actor Guild Awards for their dysfunctional squabbling in American Beauty. SAG also awarded its ensemble acting prize to the *Beauty* cast, led by Spacey as a joint-toking man enduring a midlife crisis and Bening as his social-climbing wife.

Which all means it might not be such a wide-open Oscar race after all. After five years in existence, SAG has a near-perfect record in picking Academy Award-winning actors. The guild has chosen nine of the 10 performers who went on to win Oscars for lead roles.

And the Beauty wins came just one day after rookie filmmaker Sam Mendes took home the Directors Guild's top prize for the film (the DGA is another accurate Academy Award predictor), leaving little doubt that the dark suburban flick will take home some major hardware on March 26.

But SAG is far from a perfect prognosticator of Oscar glory. The guild has a 50-50 record for picking the best supporting roles in films. This year, Michael Caine upset Magnolia chauvinist and Golden Globe winner Tom Cruise, for his role as an ether-addicted abortion doctor in The Cider House Rules. Angelina Jolie took home another supporting actress prize for her much-lauded performance in Girl, Interrupted, beating out the likes of Magnolia's Julianne Moore and Being John Malkovich's Catherine Keener.

The difference between SAG's honors and the glut of other awards shows is that only card-carrying members of the actors union can vote on the honors. The nominations are picked by 4,200 randomly selected SAG members, and are voted on by the entire membership of more than 97,000 actors and actresses.

Winners were:

Actor, Motion Picture: Kevin Spacey, *American Beauty*

Actress, Motion Picture: Annette Bening, *American Beauty*

Supporting Actor, Motion Picture: Michael Caine, *The Cider House Rules*

Supporting Actress, Motion Picture: Angelina Jolie, *Girl, Interrupted*

Ensemble Acting, Motion Picture: *American Beauty*

Actor, TV Drama: James Gandolfini, *The Sopranos*

Actress, TV Drama: Edie Falco, *The Sopranos*

Ensemble Acting, TV Drama: *The Sopranos*

Actor, TV Comedy: Michael J. Fox, *Spin City*

Actress, TV Comedy: Lisa Kudrow, *Friends*

Ensemble Acting, TV Comedy: *Frasier*

Actor, TV Miniseries/Movie: Jack Lemmon, *Oprah Winfrey Presents: Tuesdays With Morrie*

Actress, TV Miniseries/Movie: Halle Berry, *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*

Life Achievement Award: Sidney Poitier

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Lady Demons fall short in SLC finals to SFA

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The buzzsaw, that is the Stephen F. Austin Ladyjacks, roared their way in through the Southland Conference tournament, and the Lady Demons happened to be in the way.

Despite having four players with double-digit scoring efforts, the Lady Demons could not put a halt to SFA's 13-game SLC Championship winning streak, falling to the Ladyjacks 79-68.

The loss drops the Lady Demons to 0-7 overall in SLC Championship games. NSU finishes their season at 24-6.

It was a game in which the Lady Demons did mostly everything right but still ended up on the short end of the stick. In perhaps her best performance of the season, junior center Jamila Newman led all players in scoring with 19 points and ripped off 7 rebounds. The Lady Demons also got a strong performance from Kia Converse. She banked 17 points and nailed two of the three Lady Demon 3-pointers.

The Lady Demons shot well from the field, hitting 37% and missing only four of 25 free throws.

But the high-octane SFA offense, led by seniors Shawnta Johnson and Stephanie Whitmore, paced the Ladyjacks to 47% shooting. Four Ladyjacks scored in double figures, led by junior center Tami Rater with 16. Johnson and Whitmore each scored 14 and SLC Freshman of the Year Nateshia Wright scored 15.

Playing in their final game, seniors Judy Clark, Jennifer Graf, Louise Chase and did their best to keep the Lady Demons season alive. Clark ended the game with 13 points and nine assists. Chase added 11 points and had a game-high 13 rebounds. Graf had a relatively quiet night, checking in with 6 points.

Jennifer Price, also in her final game, did not play.

The Lady Demons played a solid first half, leading by as much as six before trailing at halftime 40-34. At the start of the second half, the Ladyjacks opened up a quick run and stretching the lead to 20.

With the win, the Ladyjacks will face Xavier of New Orleans in the NCAA Tournament. The Ladyjacks drew a #11 seed in the field of 64. SFA has only lost one SLC tournament game ever and has gone to the NCAA Tournament in 13 straight years.

The Lady Demons surprisingly did not receive an invitation to this year's WNIT. The Lady Demons went to the tournament last year and had a first-round loss to Arkansas.

The 24 wins by the Lady Demons are the most since 1992.

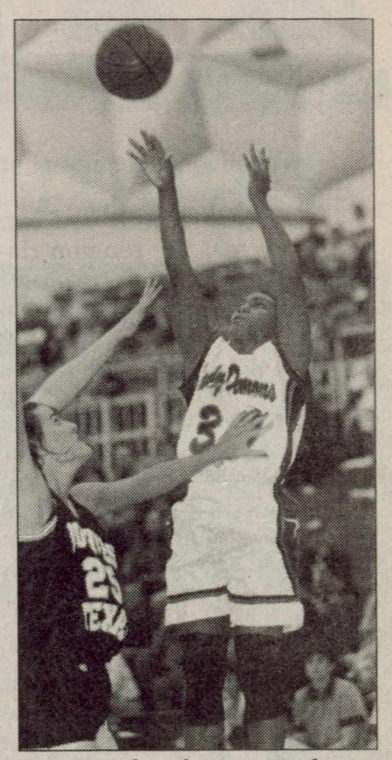

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior guard Kia Converse knocks down a baseline jumper as the Lady Demons sqeaked by Southwest Texas 66-64 last Friday. The Lady Demons faced SLC rival SFA in the SLC championships on Saturday. Despite the great effort, the Lady Demons fell 68-79.

N-Side Sports...with Cade Brumley

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demon players cheered on their teammates from the bench as the Demons played in the SLC championship game last Saturday against Lamar. The Demons were upset by Lamar 55-62. Will Burks led all Demon scorers with 12 points. Lamar will play Duke in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Demons end their season with a 17-13 record.

The end to a "helluva" a great season

With their first winning season in 9 years, the Demon's quest for the NCAA Tournament ended Saturday with a three-point loss to the Lamar University Cardinals (who are headed to North Carolina to play DUKE).

NSU head coach Mike McConathy must have a bittersweet feeling about this year's season. In only his first year as head coach at NSU, he was able to transform a deteriorating program into a contender. McConathy was able to lead a group of young men to their first winning season since 1991-1992. Even though they came up short at the end, it was a remarkable turn-around season for players who have not seen a winning season since they have been here.

In a season that brought back pride to NSU Men's basketball. Lets take a look at some of the things that have went right for the Demons:

- WE WON! (First winning season in nine years).
- INSTANT SUCCESS (Mike McConathy is the first coach since Tynes Hildebrand in 1965-66 to debut with a winning season).
- LATE BLOOMERS (NSU won 13 of its last 18 games).
- LET THE FANS CHEER (11-2 homecourt record).
- BALANCED ATTACK (Eight players have led the Demons in per game scoring and rebounding).
- THE BUZZ FACTOR (Assistant Coach Buzz Williams will lead Athletes In Action, that will tour Kazakstan in a Crusade for Christ).
- NEVER GIVE UP (came from behind to win several games this season).

What's even greater than THIS season is when you think about our chances for NEXT year. Let's take a quick look:

- THEY'RE BACK (Eight players including four starters are coming back for next year).
- HE'S BACK (McConathy will look to build a streak of winning seasons).
- REINFORCEMENTS (NSU signing class ranked 90th nationally by Basketball Times).
- SIZE (D'Or Fischer (6'11"-210 lbs.) of Upper Darby Philadelphia).
- DIAPER DANDY (Guard Micheal Edwards is a McDonalds All-American Nominee).

So there you have it, a recap of a "unique" season. So if I was you, I wouldn't make any plans that can't be changed for next March; Because between you and me, I think we're gonna be DANCING.

Lady Demons softball sweeps Sam Houston State over the weekend

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The Demon softball team, winners of six of their last seven, nailed 25 singles in Saturday's doubleheader and continued their solid play last weekend with a three-game sweep of Sam Houston.

NSU (17-9) outscored the Bearkats 23-1 and pounded 39 hits in the three games. In fact, the Bearkats (7-15) did not score their only run until the final inning of the final game.

In game one, the Demons exploded for 10 runs in the first inning off Sam Houston pitcher Christin Thompson and added 2 more in the forth to win 12-0.

The Demons nailed 11 hits in the inning, 10 of them singles, including six straight to start the inning.

Amber Welker hit her first home run of the season, a 3-run shot, followed by three more Demon singles.

Shannon Straty added a 2-run home run in the fourth, her second.

SLC Pitcher of the Year Cindy Leggett went the distance for the Demons, tossing a complete-game 1-hit shutout. Leggett's record increases to 6-1.

Erin Palomarez, who continues to shine for the Demons, tagged her fourth homer of the season and helped the Demons win the second game of the doubleheader 8-0.

The Demons were up 3-0 when they put up four runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Brandy Kenney went 3 for 3 with three singles on the afternoon.

Linette Stuart stole her 14th base this season in the sixth inning. Stuart went 2 for 4 with a double and a single.

Freshman Amanda Ortego gave up only one hit while striking out eight in six innings pitched.

Ortego came back the next day for the Demons, going five innings in relief of Jessica Holloway in the Demons' 3-1 win.

Ortego struck out eight and gave up four hits and one run.

The Demons' three runs all came in the 3rd inning.

Amber Welker doubled to lead off thee inning and scored of Palomarez's single.

Welker also stole two bases in the game, giving her 11 on the season.

NSU would add five more hits to bring in two more runs.

The only run the entire weekend Sam Houston came in the top of the 7th when Sam Houston's Melissa Cosgrove scored off a double.

The Demons go on the road to face Nicholls State March 18-19 and Stephen F. Austin March 21-22.

The next Demons homestand comes March 25 against Southeastern Louisiana.

----------Boxscores----------

Tennis

NSU vs. McNeese St.
(March 12)

Singles
Lukic (NSU) d. Bresler 6-1, 7-6
Mathews (NSU) d. Crooks 6-2, 7-5
Wallace (NSU) d. Taylor 6-3, 2-6, 6-1
Unger (NSU) d. Blanco 6-1, 6-1
Ordrovchova (MSU) d. Lasuzzo 6-2, 6-1
Olsen (NSU) w., default

Doubles
Mathews/Wallace (NSU) d. Blanco/Crooks 9-8, 7-3
Bresler/Taylor (MSU) d. Lukic/Lassuzzo 8-5
Unger/Olsen (NSU) w., default

Northwestern 7
Mcneese St. 2

Baseball

ULM vs. NSU DH
(March 11)

Game #1

ULM	001	110	1-4	7	0
NSU	200	000	3-5	5	0

WP-Johnson (2-0)
LP-Durham (4-1)

Game #2

ULM	000	107	010-9	11	2
NSU	002	000	300-5	8	5

WP-Holubec (3-1)
LP-Glidewell (2-4)
Save-Orga (2)

ULM vs. NSU
(March 12)

ULM	004	020	310-10	16	2
NSU	000	000	010-1	6	2

WP-Wombacher (2-0)
LP-Slanina (2-3)

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The 2000 'you pick 'em contest'

By Kaleb Breaux
Sports Editor

Well everyone, it's that time of year.

It's March and you can already feel the tension rising.

For those of you who do not know what I am talking about, it's March Madness.

That's right, the nation is in a frenzy.

Not only is it time for the NCAA Championship tournament, it's also time for the 2000 'you pick 'em contest.'

This is how the contest works:

1) Fill out the bracket located to the right of the column. Pick the teams that you think will succeed in the tournament. **You must complete the bracket giving the winner of each game and a final score to the championship game (used for tie-breaker purposes) .**

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3) Turn your bracket in to the Journalism lab located in room 225 of Kyser Hall. **All brackets MUST BE turned in by Thursday morning at 10 a.m.** Any bracket received later than 10 a.m. will disqualified.

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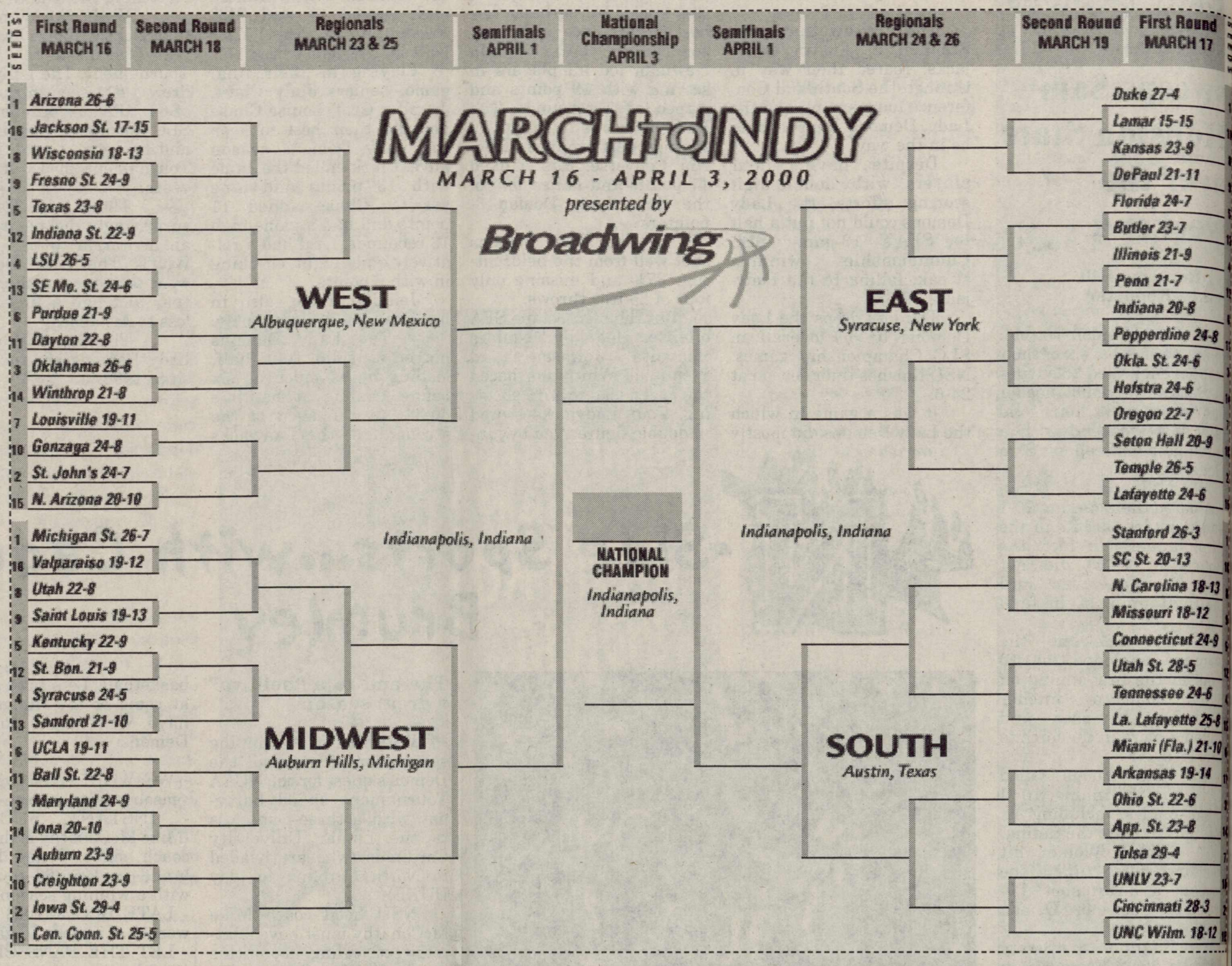

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News in Brief

YANKOWSKI WORK CHOSEN FOR JURIED COMPETITION

A sculpture by Michael Yankowski, an associate professor of art, has been selected to appear in the 27th Annual Juried Competition at the Masur Museum of Art in Monroe which runs through April 29.

Yankowski's entry, "Bird Dreams" is a 12" X 12" wall sculpture. The work is a mixed media fabricated box incorporating found and constructed objects and miniature oil paintings. The theme deals with life and death and seasonal change.

"Bird Dreams" was exhibited in last spring's NSU faculty exhibition.

Sixty-six works by 55 artists from throughout the United States were chosen for the exhibit from among 480 entries.

VIOLINIST STEPHEN ROSE TO PERFORM MARCH 24

Violinist Stephen Rose will present a guest recital at Northwestern Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Rose, a native of Natchitoches, will be assisted by his wife, violinist Jeanne Preucil Rose, his father, cellist

Richard Rose and pianist Dr. Russell Hirshfield. Both Hirshfield and Richard Rose are members of NSU's music faculty. The recital is sponsored by the Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts at NSU. Admission is free and open to the public.

Rose and Preucil Rose are members of the Cleveland Orchestra, considered to be one of the three most outstanding orchestras in the world, and are graduates of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Eastman School of Music.

GRAD FEST TO BE HELD MARCH 23

All the information and supplies students need for graduation will be available in one location on Northwestern State University's campus March 23. The NSU Alumni Association and Wallace Bookstores have collaborated to organize Grad Fest 2000, which will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on March 23 in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom.

During Grad Fest, graduating students will have the opportunity to purchase caps and gowns and have graduation photos taken, get answers to financial aid questions and order graduation announcements, class rings and transcripts for mailing in May.

The students can also get a jump on life after graduation by learning about career assistance available to Northwestern graduates, obtaining information on graduate programs offered at Northwestern, checking out the study guides for the GMAT, GRE, NTE, MCAT and LSAT, as well as joining the NSU Alumni Association.

McCullen, Winston in mayoral runoff

Sauce Staff

Two long-time Natchitoches City Council members will square off in less than a month for the mayor's seat.

Wayne McCullen and John Winston, both members of the Natchitoches City Council, will compete in the April 15 run-off for the mayor's seat, occupied for 20 years by Joe Sampite.

Others candidates in the race include Jackson Jones Jr., Butch LeVasseur and Pat Todd Jr.

Election returns collected in the March 14 primary election showed McCullen was the front-runner with 2,009 votes. Winston earned 1,811 votes.

However, the Natchitoches Parish Clerk of Court's office reported a slight change in election results when voting machine seals were broken Friday.

Official results showed Winston earned six more votes, increasing his total to 1,817 votes.

McCullen, an anesthetist at Natchitoches Parish Hospital, said he was excited about being the front-runner, but he wasn't surprised to learn there will be a run-off.

Winston, who will retire as the University's vice president of university affairs, was also happy about making the run-offs, but he is already making changes in his campaign strategy.

Winston hopes to increase voter turnout in west Natchitoches and gather more support in east Natchitoches.

Those winning City Council seats include Lee Posey, District 2 and Billy Evans, District 4.

There will be a run-off election between Sylvia Morrow and Marvin Blake Jr. for the District 3 seat.

There will also be a run-off election for Powhatan chief of police between Raymond Hymes and Robert Smith. Both candidates each earned 43 votes.

Hymes and Smith competed against one another in October 1998 for the same position. In that race, Hymes defeated Smith by just one vote.

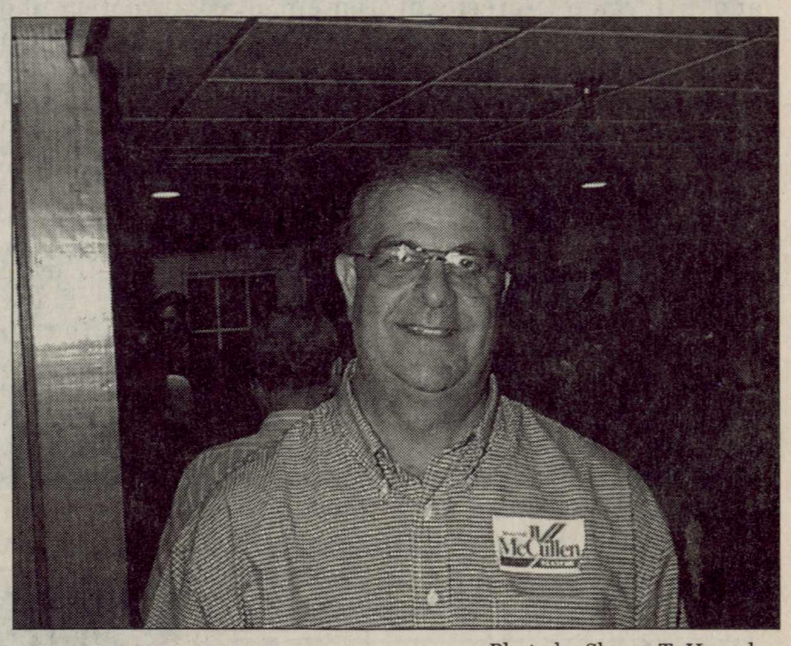

Photo by Shawn T. Hornsby

Wayne McCullen, City Councilman-at-Large, was the front-runner in last week's primary election for the mayor's seat. He will square off against City Councilman John Winston in the April 15 run-off.

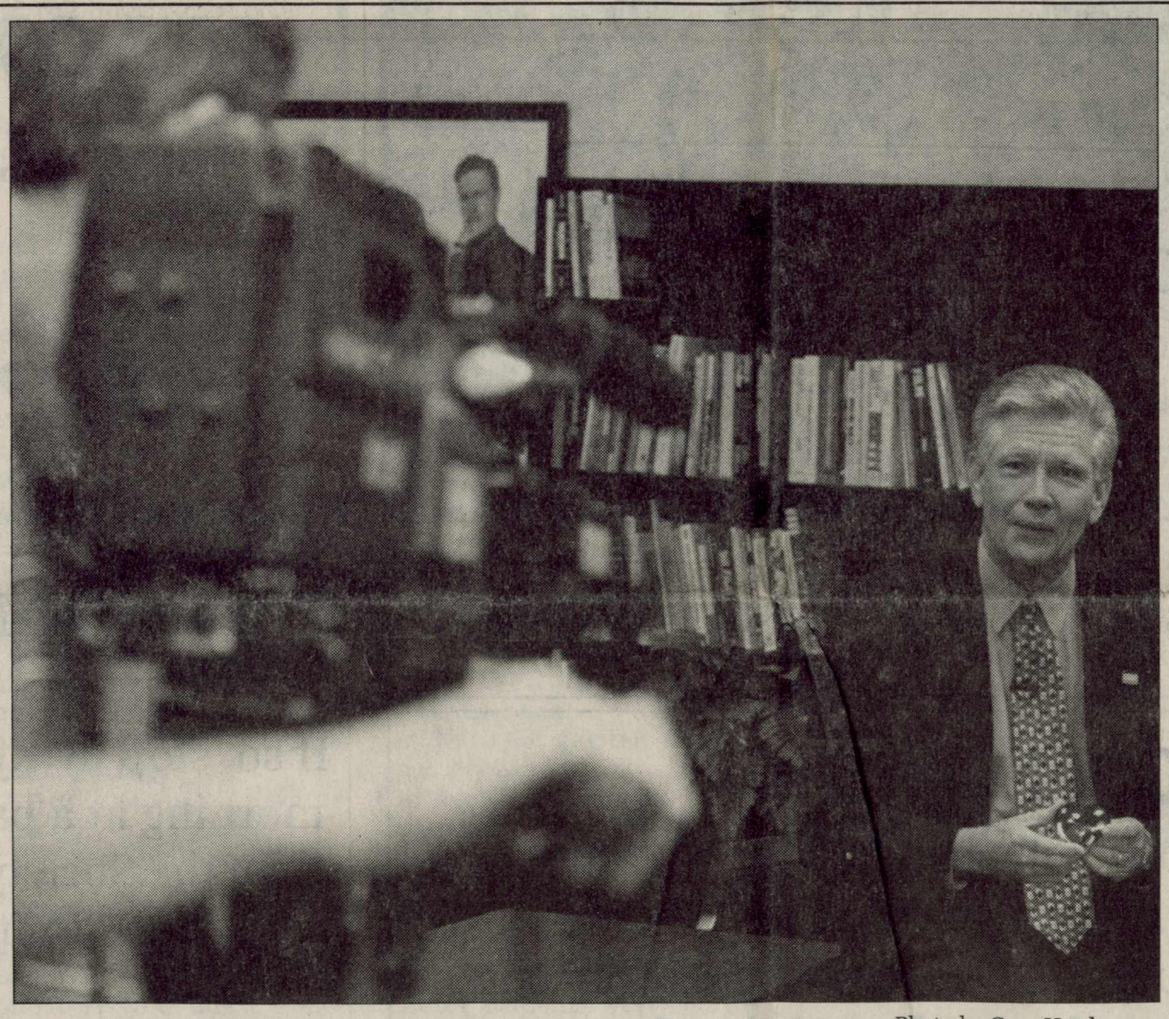

Photo by Gary Hardamon

University President Randall Webb prepares for another installment of "A Moment with the President." Webb has filmed several segments designed to educate students and University patrons.

Webb gets up close and personal in new series

By Josh Beavers
Managing Editor

"That fern looks like it's growing out of his head," Robert Crew says, getting up from his seat across the room. "We need to move it out of the shot."

"You better listen to Robert," University President Randall J. Webb warns. "He's the executive producer."

With that, laughs are exchanged, ferns are moved and the camera rolls on another installment of "A Moment with the President."

This is the sixth segment in an ongoing series of short videos with Webb that are designed to educate and inform the students and patrons of Northwestern State University about a wide variety of topics that pertain to NSU and Natchitoches. The segments are made in coordination with the journalism department and air on NSU-22. Webb hopes that in time they can be sent out to television stations statewide.

In today's segment, Webb sits in the journalism department's conference room on the first floor of Kyser Hall. He's at the end of the large wooden table in the center of the room and holding a purple, heart-shaped, paper weight that was given to him as a Christmas present from former Dean of Women at the university, Lucille "Sis" Hendrick.

Webb believes the heart serves as a reminder as we work in the present towards the future, "we should never forget those that came before us and that all who work at and attend Northwestern should have purple blood flowing through their veins."

This is the message he wants to convey to the audience.

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Kyser Hall fight sends two students to jail

By Robby Sexton
Sauce Reporter

A fight, resulting in the arrests of two students, occurred in Kyser Hall Wednesday. Allegedly, after a history class ended around 2 p.m., students, Robert Etheridge, 18, and Kody Perry, 20, began a fight for reasons still under investigation.

Jeffrey Smith, Etheridge's and Perry's history professor, described the fight as being very brutal. At first, he only heard the commotion, then went to the hall to witness the fight.

Reportedly, Perry stabbed Etheridge in the face with a ballpoint pen. Detective Doug Prescott of the NSU police reported the wound to Etheridge's face as superficial.

According to Smith, five or ten minutes passed before NSU police broke up the fight and arrested both students.

They were treated at the infirmary for their injuries, sent to jail, and then released. Each student faces a criminal charge and possible disciplinary sanction by the school. Perry faces aggravated battery and Etheridge faces charges of disturbing the peace.

Both students face possible suspension or expulsion from the University. Although their actions are severe enough for either suspension or expulsion, the decision is not definite as of yet.

When asked about future plans of prevention for such occurrences, Prescott said, "We really can't prevent these things from happening. But we will prosecute and chances are charges will be brought against them."

Fights on campus reported to the police are scarce. And for anyone that wants to fight, Prescott warns, "Don't do it."

University dorm security fails to meet Louisiana Board standards

By Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

The University's dorm security does not meet the Louisiana Board of Supervisor's minimum-security standards for on-campus residential facilities.

According to the University of Louisiana System, the following dorm security practices "may be adopted by System universities if resources are available": Install key or card swipe entry into residence halls, install a system where unauthorized entry or door ajar at residence hall will alert campus police, install security cameras in residence halls, employ part-time student officers and station campus police or other security staff in residence halls.

The University's dorm security system includes slide card access, patrols by campus police, resident hall security patrol and door alarms. However, most of the dorms are protected by only 75 percent of this security system.

A *Current Sauce* investigation in February found that five of the seven dorms on campus had inoperable door alarms. A recent Current Sauce investigation found that the five dorms still lack an operating door alarm security system.

Currently, door alarms are broken in the Rapides, Bossier, Varnado, Caspari and Boozman dorms.

"They [door alarms] don't work at all," Michael Phillips, Bossier hall resident, said. "People go in and out after the alarm activation time and, in my three semesters as a Bossier resident, I haven't heard them go off ever."

Leroy London, Rapides hall resident, was unaware of the door alarms existence.

"I didn't know we had an alarm system," London said. "I would say the alarms need more attention."

According to the University's dorm security policy, the door alarms are to be activated at 6 p.m. and remain in operation until 6 a.m.

But many students need more than a policy to feel safe.

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Current Sauce goes online

By Josh Beavers
Managing Editor

For all individuals who are unable to pick up a copy of the Current Sauce on a weekly basis, there is a new way of staying up to date on all the news at the University.

As of now, *The Current Sauce* is officially on the World Wide Web and can be accessed from virtually any location on earth.

Current Sauce Editor Shawn T. Hornsby said the new web site will keep all of Northwesten's students informed, even those not on the Natchitoches campus.

"We hope that we can reach those students who don't have a chance to pick up a paper while they are in town and especially those students taking classes at our satellite campuses," Hornsby said.

The site contains current stories, pictures and opinion pieces from each week's paper. In addition, the site contains a link to The Weather Channel, which tells the current weather situation in the Natchitoches area and forecasts across the region. There is also a link to Reuters news service, which provides up to the minute national and world news coverage.

Sauce A&E editor, Larry Collins, feels that the link to world news is one of the more beneficial aspects of the online edition.

"In the weekly version of the paper, we do not include much in the way of national and world news," Collins said. "That is something that I believe should be available to all the students."

Future plans for the site include updating existing stories during the week, adding new stories as they arise and day one having a completely separate web version of the paper.

The site is being maintained by freshman CIS major Dustin Floyd and can be viewed at http://csauce.dustinfloyd.com.

News

University scholars comment on online voting

By Randall S. Frederick
Sauce Reporter.

The political primaries took place recently, narrowing the presidental race to democratic nominee Al Gore and former president George Bush's son, George W. Bush Jr. In Arizona, some of the voting took place at a rate of once every five seconds.

The catch? It was done over the internet. More than twenty-six thousand votes were cast in the first three days the e-poll was open.

With the new form of voting, security and possible voter fraud has been questioned. But Arizona assures that safety was not an issue, and meaures were taken to avoid such problems.

To vote online, one must apply through their politcal party for a special password. The person mails their signature, then sent an e-mail confirmation and an identification number. A toll-free number is available for anyone who forgets their PIN number, much like a credit card.

The independent company handling the system, Election.com, tried to raise awareness, and even brought a laptop to Window Rock, a famous northeastern landmark in Arizona, for the Navajo Nation to be included as well.

"We're commited to making the election process more inclusive than ever," Election.com's vice president, Bill Taylor said.

Brendan Martin, a professor of history had this to say, "Over the past twenty to thirty years, voting has really opened up, and voting this way would be the next logical step," he said. "While, yes, I worry of voter fraud, I still feel that this is the way to go."

Professor of political science, Gregory Granger feels that e-voting is the way of the future.

"It was ineveitable," Granger said. "Originally, it started in Oregon with referendum votes and by mail, but this was the first time the internet was used for a primary election.

But what of those who don't own a computer or aren't able to use one for this purpose?

Granger said this was one of his worries. A concern shared with Deborah Phillips, president of the Voting Intergrity Project.

"It just dilutes the votes of minority voters because they don't have as much access to the Internet," said Phillips. "The more popular this is, the worse it is from our perspective" The Voting Integrity Project complained of this method earlier in the year, saying that an unfair representation would be stated, since too many minorities and low-income citizens do not have access to the internet.

The presidential election will be held in November.

Early registration to begin April 5

Early registration for the summer and fall 2000 semesters at Northwestern State University will begin Wednesday, April 5, according to Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell.

Telephone and web registration for the first three days is based on classification. Graduate students and seniors can register beginning April 5, followed by juniors on April 6 and sophomores on April 7.

Departmental registration will be held April 10-14. New, re-entry and transfer students with less than 30 hours academic credit may not register by telephone or the Internet. Those students must go to their major department and meet with an advisor before registering.

Students with more than 30 hours may register, add or drop courses for the summer semester until May 12 and for the fall semester until July 17. Telephone and Internet registration is available each day during the period from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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Faculty are willing to go extra mile for good evaluations

Pizza parties, extra study sessions and easy examinations. Some faculty will do whatever they can to earn high marks on student evaluations.

The topic of student evaluations was studied in an article, "Student Evaluations of Teaching: An Exploratory Study of the Faculty Response," by Dr. Penny Simpson of Northwestern State University and Judy A. Siguaw of Cornell University that will be published later this year in the Journal of Marketing Education. Simpson is the David D. Morgan United Teachers Associates Professor of Marketing and an associate professor of marketing at Northwestern.

According to Simpson, faculty evaluations are rapidly gaining importance.

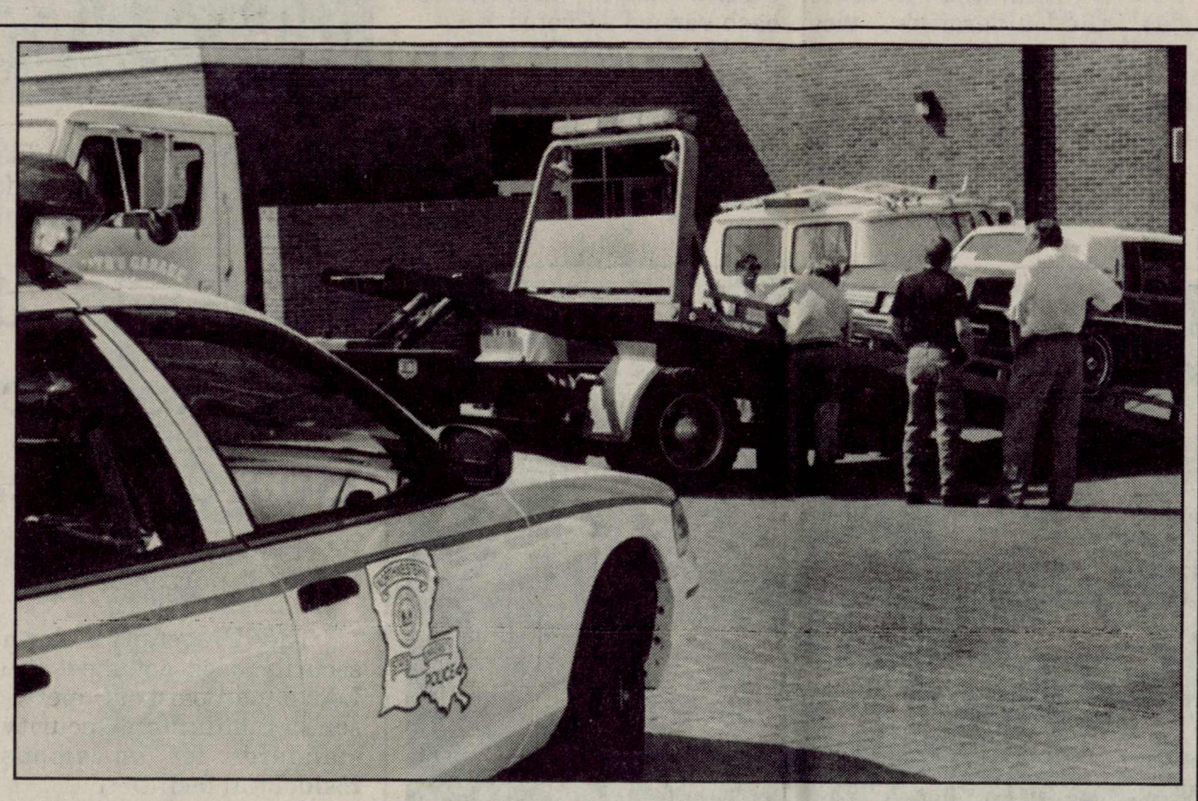
"Student evaluation of teaching instruments are commonly administered by universities to presumably provide feedback to faculty for improvement of teaching effectiveness," she said. "Instead, these measures are routinely used as a basis for determining faculty merit, promotion and tenure, making the instruments vitally important to faculty."

Simpson and Siguaw used an on-line survey of marketing faculty to gather opinions and anecdotes about how some faculty attempted to receive more favorable evaluations.

"Some faculty may engage in various activities designed specifically to affect student ratings on teaching evaluations rather than to improve instruction, though no known research exists about the extent of such influencing activities," said Simpson.

One respondent to the survey said a colleague held a pizza party for students right before faculty evaluations, Simpson said. But faculty responses were sometimes positive and acceptable. In response to student evaluations, some faculty set up web sites to make class materials easily available to students.

"We found some positive aspects and some unethical aspects that were deserving of punishment," said Simpson. "Evaluation could lead to a lowering of academic standards, but it could have positive benefits as well."



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Busted!
To show that they are cracking down on illegal parking, University Police are beginning to tow all vehicles in violation, such as this one parked between Kyser Hall and the Post Office.

SGA Elections

Filings for elections will close Wednesday March 22 at noon. Anyone interested filing for president, vice president, treasurer, or a senate position should stop by the office in the Student Union for an intent to file form.

Psychology department sponsors Penny for Life drive

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

The University's Psychology department sponsored a Penny for Life drive today and Monday.

The drive was a part of the Relay for Life walk. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature event. It is an all night, non-athletic, family-oriented team event that celebrates cancer survivorship and health. 60 years ago, the survival rate for cancer patients was one in five. Today, it is one in two.

In the Relay for Life, local cancer survivors are introduced and lead the first lap. Faculty of the psychology department will participate in the walk. Teams of 8-15 members are organized and led by a team captain. During the event, each team has a representative on the track at all times, either walking or running in relay-style shifts.

"We have a group of about 25 people," said David Cosio. "What we want to do is raise funds to donate in the name of the psychology department for the Relay for Life."

The psychology department also sold candy on Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras. The department has also signed up for sack lunches for $5.

"If enough money is raised in the Penny for Life drive, faculty members of the psychology department will dye their hair funky colors," Cosio said. "We've raised $1,000, but we want to raise up to $1,200 or more. We went into the psychology classes to get donations from students. For the Relay for Life, if someone wants to donate $10 for a candle in the name of someone they may have lost to cancer or who survived cancer, the candles will light up the track. Those participating will be walking from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m."

"We wanted to do something that involve a lot of people, so that's why we chose the Relay for Life walk," said Virginia Cecchini, a psychology professor. "We wanted to choose a community service project and raising money for cancer seemed like a good choice where we could get a lot of people involved."

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If so, stop by Kyser Hall Thursday morning at a bake sale sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

There will be breakfast foods and desserts for sale.

The bake sale will be on the first floor, by the Coke machines in Kyser Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dorm: Security is still not up to par

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"What good is warning people about the alarms if they're not going to enforce it?," Megan Carpenter, Varnado hall resident, said.

Melissa Robertson, Varnado hall resident, agrees that warning students doesn't keep them safe. To prove this, Robertson purposely violated the "do not exit between 6 p.m. and6 a.m." warning posted on the Varnado hall doors located directly beside her dorm room. At 9 p.m., Robertson opened the door just as a campus police car was pulling into the Varnado parking lot. Robertson closed the door, opened the door again and stood in the doorway. Robertson said the police car "just kept going."

"I'm not sure whether or not he saw me, but the opened door lit-up the parking lot enough for him to be able to see me," Robertson said. "They give us a false sense of security by telling us that there's an alarm system and there's not."

Woody Blair, coordinator of housing, is aware of the inoperative door alarms and said several repairs have been made to minimize the security problem.

Douglas Prescott, head detective of the University police department, said that devices used to prop the doors open could be the cause of the faulty door alarm systems.

"A lot of students will place rocks in the door for convenience purposes," Prescott said. "This makes residents susceptible to intruders and could render the alarm system ineffective."

Aside from devices that may deactivate the alarm system, Blair said many door alarms are out of operation as a result of worn-out hardware.

To eliminate this problem, the University is bidding out for an upgraded dorm security system.

"The system we have now is out of date," Blair said. "The new system will be a high-tech, silent or sound activated alarm system."

Blair is scheduled to attend a campus-wide faculty meeting today where he will find out the approval status of the upgraded system.

"We are very encouraged that it [the upgraded system] is going to happen, and it just can't seem to happen fast enough," Blair said. "We need to make sure the foundation is there. Then we can bring the campus up to date."

Blair said dorm personnel will continue monitoring security in the dorms until the new alarm system is installed.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

What sort of things do you keep in here Austin (Powers)?

Members of Phi Mu Fraternity battle it out in a tug-of-war contest last week as part of the University's Greek Week activities. Last week's activities were sponsored by the Order of Omega.

Webb: Video series comes from the heart

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While Robert Crew, who serves as his executive assistant, and Roy Davis, the journalism department's chief engineer, work around him to make sure the lighting and audio are working, Webb sits calmly and pops a stick of gum in his mouth to keep his mouth from getting dry. Everything is set and all that needs to be done is push the record button on the video camera set up a few feet away.

With only a few scribbled notes to go by, Webb folds up his reading glasses and places them in his coat pocket. Davis walks behind the camera and begins a silent countdown from five, then points to Webb, and the president begins.

One minute and fifty-five seconds later Webb wraps up. He looks to the man behind the camera and asks how the take was. A slight problem with the audio forces another take. This time five seconds are trimmed off and the group is pleased. Webb never glanced at the notes in front of him.

While the topics differ, each segment is prepared in the same manner with little to no preparation. The president's remarks are not rehearsed or formally prepared, such as in a speech, and the topic is not decided on until only a day or even a few hours before filming.

"An idea or a topic will come up, and we just go shoot it," Webb said. "It is a very spontaneous series."

So far, segments have been filmed at the Women's old gym, the Jack Clayton Plaza, the IM building, the Rec. Center and at the theater program's production of Galileo.

Crew, who serves as executive producer, Webb jokes, came up with the concept and feels that the spontaneity of the segments is one of their strong points.

"I wanted to do them in a natural way," Crew said. "People don't need to see him behind a desk with a speech. It needed to be from the heart and in an appropriate setting."

And setting dictates clothing.

"When we did the one on the golf course, I had my casual clothes on," Webb said. "I'm not going to be out there in a suit playing golf. If we were doing something to do with the rowing team, then I would dress appropriately."

Could we see President Webb wearing a bathing suit for a segment?

"I don't know about that," Webb said with a laugh. "But it would be appropriate for the topic. It depends on the circumstances as to what I'm wearing."

While the project has many good points, Webb ultimately likes it because of its ability to reach a larger number of people than other forms of communication.

"I like the series because we are always looking for a way to let people know and get the word out to as many people as possible about all the good things happening at Northwestern," Webb said. "This is a good way to communicate with people all over the state."

Today's segment was shot quickly and with relatively no problems, but that hasn't been the case in every instance.

"For the theater one, I was trying to say that Galileo had proven the Copernican theory," Webb said. "Well, it didn't come out Copernican the first time. It didn't come out Copernican the second time. Dr. Wann and many theater students were there watching me and I was beginning to wonder if I was ever going to say it right."

President Webb eventually did say it right, and he finished the segment on a later take.

"That was humorous," Webb said with another laugh.

Research day set for tomorrow

Students and faculty at Northwestern State University will share their latest work with the university community at the 13th Annual Research Day Wednesday, March 22. Research Day is sponsored by the Council for University Research Institute Administrators (CURIA) at Northwestern. All events are open to the public.

Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

The guest speaker is Dr. Ronald A. Markman, a psychiatrist and attorney. Markman is the author of "Alone with the Devil: Famous Cases of a Courtroom Psychiatrist" and "Obsessed: The Stalking of Theresa Saldana." He will speak at 11 a.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

Markman has been involved with some of the most sensational murder trials over the past 20 years including cases involving members of the Manson family, the Hillside Strangler, Patty Hearst, the Dominique Dunne murder, Theresa Saldana assault and Marvin Gay, Sr.

As a forensic psychiatrist, Markman has often found himself along in a room with someone who has killed — often without provocation or apparent motivation. After lengthy interviews and evaluations, it is Markman's input or testimony that provides vital evidence on the degree of a murderer's responsibility which helps set their sentence.

Prior to Markman's presentation, the university will present the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award to a faculty member. The Bailey Award is given each year to a faculty member for outstanding research and/or distinguished artistic performance or creative work substantially completed during the past three years. Criteria for the award include: scholarly or creative significance; national regional or local impact; originality and ingenuity of project design and critical recognition by experts in the field.

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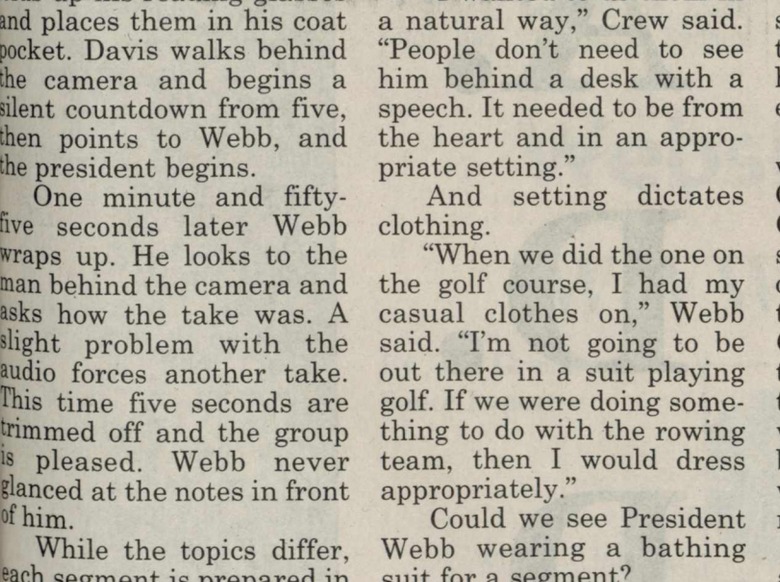

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FEATURES

Finders Keepers?

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

Everyone can probably remember the schoolyard chant "Finders, keepers, losers, weepers" when someone found a lucky dime or quarter.

NSU freshman Dana Lewis found a lot more than a couple of coins. She found several hundred dollars worth of jewelry. But, her chant was a little different. It was more like "I found it, and want to give it to the rightful owner."

Several weeks ago, Lewis, a resident of Varnado Hall, entered one of the shower stalls and, to her surprise, was greeted by several valuable pieces of jewelry lying on the bench. Another student, Amy Springer, left a Seiko watch, a ring, which was her grandmother's high school graduation ring, and a gold Alpha Omicron Pi chain necklace in the shower stall.

It was the second time Lewis found jewelry in the bathroom and returned it to the owner. Lewis recovered a black sports watch and necklace several days before finding the other jewelry.

Lewis said she doesn't understand why her resident assistant, Sheila Gentry, made a fuss over her returning the jewelry.

"What's the big deal?" Lewis said. "I found a bunch of jewelry and wanted to give it back to the owner because I knew it was very valuable."

The 1930 class ring Lewis found belonged to Springer's grandmother, and was irreplaceable, according to Gentry

"Amy was so upset when she couldn't find her ring," Gentry said. "Obviously, a 1930 class ring can't be replaced."

When asked if she ever thought of not returning the jewelry, Lewis shook her head and laughed.

"If someone found my stuff, I know I'd want it returned," Lewis said. "That's all I was doing."

That's more than many teenagers and young adults the same age as Lewis, however. According to the U.S. Board of Education and the Bureau of Justice, the number of unreported recoveries of valuable items and theft has steadily risen over the past decade.

According to the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, "law enforcement agencies made approximately 141,600 arrests of persons 18 or younger for vandalism."

The FBI classifies vandalism as the "willful or malicious destruction, injury, disfigurement or defacement of any public or private property." This includes not returning items found in a public place.

Gentry said the first time Lewis returned the jewelry, she was happy, but not surprised.

"Dana is like that," Gentry said. "She doesn't think anything about helping other people."

Anna Reeves and Amy Springer, the students who misplaced their jewelry, could not believe someone had returned their valuables.

"When I gave Amy her stuff, she started saying that she couldn't believe someone returned it," Gentry said.

To show their gratitude, Reeves and Springer purchased a large Beanie Baby and card for Lewis.

P.E.T.A. VS M.A.D.D.

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

Several hundred university newspapers across the nation were asked if they "Got Beer?" last week as a part of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals recent advertising campaign.

The campaign centered around PETA's opinions concerning the consumption of dairy products.

Through a national advertising campaign, PETA encouraged college students to replace drinking milk with beer.

The ad continued with several comparisons that, according to PETA, revealed that beer is better than milk. The facts included a study showing the nutritional values of milk and beer and the health benefits and risks of both beverages.

Although the ad encouraged the consumption of beer over milk, PETA also included a statement in smaller print on the ad claiming, "Of course, while all this is true, PETA recommends fresh juices, soy milk and mineral water - even soda - over milk or beer."

Shortly after the ad campaign was released on college campuses, Mothers Against Drunk Driving responded with a complaint against the nature of the advertisement.

MADD claimed the ad would encourage underage drinking.

"Given the majority of college students are underage, printing an ad like this one is irresponsible at best and illegal at best," Kathy Childers of the Louisiana state MADD office in Baton Rouge, said.

Childers said MADD received several complaints from concerned people, including several PETA members.

"You're putting them at risk for accidents, or worse, death, by running ads like that," Childers said.

MADD's national office issued a request to PETA encouraging them to discontinue their "Got Beer?" ads. PETA responded by pulling the ads on college campuses, but also stated that numerous college students approved of the campaign.

Childers believed the timeliness of the ad was unfortunate, but is happy the ad was pulled.

"It was unfortunate that they chose to run it right before St. Patrick's Day, one of the biggest drunk driving holidays, and also right before Spring Break," Childers said. "Thankfully, we won't know the impact of the ad could have had because it was pulled so soon."

Childers explained that MADD does not discourage PETA's overall campaigns.

"Certainly the animal right cause is an honorable one, but they went about this the wrong way," Childers said.

PETA has pulled the entire "Got Beer?" ad from college campuses, although they plan to continue their "Dump Dairy" campaign. Childers said PETA also donated $500 to the national MADD office. Form ore information on PETA or MADD, contact the local chapter, or their web-sites at, www.madd.org and www.milksucks.com.

Fasting for God

NSU Student makes a difference for less fortunate

Ericca Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

Becky Shumake wanted her youth group to experience firsthand that when they pull together, they could make a difference.

On Feb. 25 and 26, Shumake and her youth group participated in a 30 hour famine to raise money for those less fortunate.

Shumake is a junior english education major here at NSU and has been the youth group director for a year and a half at Lakeside Baptist Church in Winnfield.

This 30 hour famine is a nation wide event sponsored by Worldvision. Worldvision is an organization dedicated to providing education, land, food and especially sharing God's word to those living in the third world countries.

This was the first time Lakeside Baptist participated in such an event.

"I was excited about us participating because I wanted the kids to notice how few of us go without and to see just how lucky we really are," said Shumake.

Through donations and sponsors, the Lakeside group raised $550. The proceeds will be sent to Worldvision but a large portion of that money will be sent to Peru where NSU student, Joey Wolf, has been living for two years as a missionary.

Shumake said the kids actually enjoyed the famine because they noticed how focusing on the needs of others strengthened their relationship with God.

"Every three hours we had a prayer and devotional time," said Shumake. "We couldn't have gotten through it without the power of prayer."

To help pass the time, many activities were planned for the 18 fasters.

The NSU Praise Band entertained, a missionary from Honduras spoke, they watched movies and visited local shut-ins by sharing the word of God.

"This was a way to serve God and become closer to Him," said Shumake.

So, what did they do when their 30 hours were up?

They broke the fast at the church and had chili dogs and various snacks.

"The kids were staring to look like cannibals," laughed Shumake. "They must have eaten three chili dogs each!"

Shumake said the famine was really successful and they plan on doing it again next year.

"If you go about fasting with the right attitude, God will bless you," said Shumake.

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My Side

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

This week, *The Current Sauce* is running an article on dorm safety and in particular, whether NSU meets state dorm safety regulations.

In case you missed the article, we don't. This comes as no surprise to me, a four year dorm resident.

I have felt safer on Bourbon Street at 3 a.m. during Mardi Gras than I have in my own room.

Here's why.

Several years ago, Northwestern jumped on the safety bandwagon and installed card entrance machines across campus. These machines allowed only dorm residents to enter their dorm.

Most dorms were equipped with one or two of these machines, as is my dorm, Varnado. The non-carded doors are supposedly protected from intruders by an alarm system activated every evening at 6 p.m. and deactivated every morning at 6 a.m.

Dorm workers attach signs to these doors reading "Do not exit these doors between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. or you will be written up" and are usually followed by several exclamation points and a picture of a snarling dog.

Several of the posters inform students of the supposed "alarm system" that is tripped by students who ignore the threat of being "written up."

One evening several months ago, as I was dutifully finishing homework. I heard the back, non-carded door open and close. I waited with my fingers in my ears, anticipating the high-pitched squeal of the alarm - but it didn't come.

I sat there scratching my head in wonderment. What? NSU lied to us? They put my safety in jeopardy? No, surely they would never even consider doing such a thing. I convinced myself the alarm was merely faulty, and would be fixed soon.

Much to my chagrin, several weeks later, I heard the door open, followed by numerous footsteps and giggles. I do not even want to venture as to the cause of the giggles.

After several similar cases, I decided to conduct an experiment. Therefore, I waited until approximately midnight (I was up late dutifully studying) and crept to the door. I slowly inched the door open and...nothing. I pulled the door shut and opened the door again.

This time, as I looked into the parking lot behind the door, I noticed what appeared to be a police car. I immediately felt safer. Surely, I thought to myself, his presence insured my safety. I stood in the doorway, waiting for the policeman to scold my reckless behavior.

Again, I was disappointed. The car drove off, leaving me in the doorway holding open an "alarmed safe" door.

Personally, I despise the visitation system. I understand the necessity of checking someone in, but fail to understand applying this form of security while ignoring others.

I feel my safety, and the safety of all dorm resident, is in jeopardy because of a few lazy people locked safe in their homes.

A&E News in Brief

The Rock set to *roll* in the Mummy

The Rock

World Wrestling Federation star The Rock is in final negotiations to make his big-screen debut as a villain in Universal Pictures' *The Mummy 2*.

The wrestler, whose real name is Dwayne Johnson, has been tapped to play a reincarnated half-man, half-scorpion character in the sequel to last year's hit. Production is expected to begin in May in England.

The Mummy 2 reteams actors Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz, screenwriter-director Stephen Sommers and producers Jim Jacks and Sean Daniel in a story set a decade after the original. Universal has slotted the sequel for a May 2001, release.

Johnson, 27, played football at the University of Miami before debuting as a wrestler in 1996 under the name Flex Kavana.

He has become a leading WWF attraction by winning the league's championship three times, authoring an autobiography and most recently hosting the late-night variety skitchshow Saturday Night Live.

Merrily we go to Hell!

The Exorcist

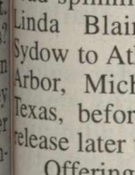
A new version of the *The Exorcist* is returning to theaters this year—but right now, the most thrilling possession could be the movie tickets themselves.

The Exorcist—The Version You've Never Seen takes its head-spinning tale starring Linda Blair and Max von Sydow to Athens, Georgia, Ann Arbor, Michigan and Austin, Texas, before going into wide release later this year.

Offering some 12 minutes of new footage, the William Friedkin-directed film is reportedly scarier than ever and includes footage that makes for a happier ending. But those behind the film say it's now back to its original, nightmare-inducing state.

Made off a $12 million budget, the film went on to become the then-second biggest moneymaker in American movie history next to *The Godfather*. It also won an Oscar for best adapted screenplay and a Golden Globe for best picture in 1974.

New guy gets into Ally's briefs



LeGros

Just as the door swings on two Ally McBeal regulars, Indie film actor James LeGros is readying to take some new legal briefs into TV's funniest law firm.

The 37-year-old thespian has been cast to play Mark (not Marv) Albert on Fox's quirky hit, and will apparently shake things up as the "good-looking thirtyish" lawyer recruited to the firm by Greg Germann's character, Richard Fish. His first appearance will be on the April 10 show, just in time for May sweeps.

LeGros, who has shown up in the films Drugstore Cowboy and Living in Oblivion, is one of two characters who will supplant dearly departing litigators Gil Bellows and Courtney Thorne-Smith, who are pursuing other opportunities the fall.

And the winner is... Sauce critic offers picks for Oscar night

By: Larry Collins
A&E Editor

What a year for film! This was such a fantastic year for motion pictures, both dramatic and of comedic nature. Films such as *American Beauty*, *Magnolia*, *Fight Club* and *Dogma* wowed the critics and offered moviegoers a chance to peer into the soul of humanity specifically American families.

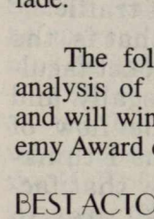
This year's Academy Award nominees are an excellent representation of the magnificent year of film. No matter who takes home the gold-plated statuettes, they will surely deserve the accolade.

The following is a critical analysis of who I think should and will win at this year's Academy Award ceremony.

BEST ACTOR:
Will Win: Kevin Spacey or Denzel Washington

Spacey is definitely favored given that he won the Screen Actor's Guild Award. The winner of the SAG award is usually a shoe-in to win the Oscar. Spacey is also an Oscar favorite... the voters love him. He won for his turn as an unconventional gangster in the 1996 movie *The Usual Suspects*. More than likely he will walk away with his second Oscar this year for his role in *American Beauty*.

Washington who has also won an Oscar (in Glory) has a great chance to take home his second award. Voters maybe more apt to vote for him because no black actor has won since Sydney Poitier. Many voters may vote for him to "make up" for the lack of black winners in the category.



Washington

Should Win: Kevin Spacey

Spacey

Spacey deserves this Oscar. He truly made *American Beauty*, which is a shoe-in for the best picture award. He was dramatically subtle in his role as the "average" head of a dysfunctional family. The Academy loves stories and characters that are afflicted in some way. The true beauty of his character is that his affliction is one that any man can understand... the affliction of being human.

BEST ACTRESS:
Will Win: Hilary Swank

Swank

Swank has been racking up acting awards for this role all year and I don't see this trend coming to an end. She played a girl, playing a boy, in this year's Indy sleeper *Boys Don't Cry*. This was a complicated role for a complicated actress and the voters will probably stand up and take notice of this. The fact that she lost to Annette Bening (*American Beauty*) at the SAG Awards may be the only strike against her, because the voters are the same for both awards shows.

Should Win: Annette Bening

Bening

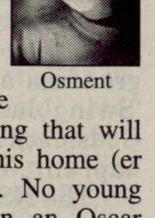
I hope that the trend of the SAG award winner taking home the Academy's prize will continue in this category. Like Spacey, Bening was dramatically subtle in this very difficult role. There was no other actress that could have taken on his role. This is the best chance that she has ever had to walk away with the trophy. She played perfectly opposite Spacey which is no easy task.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Will Win: Tom Cruise, Haley Joel Osment or Michael Caine

No, I'm not indecisive. Well, maybe I am, but this category can really go anyway. I'm not definitely sure who will win in this category, but I am sure that it will be one of these three.

Cruise is an industry golden child and he has never won an Academy Award. The fact that he has never won, coupled with the fact that many are calling his turn in *Magnolia* the best work of his career (including *Rain Man*) could definitely lead to an Oscar win.



Osment

Osment has youth on his side in this race. Not to take away from his talent and his nomination worthy role as "the kid that sees ghost" in *The Sixth Sense*, but it is the fact that he is young that will bring the prize to his home (er his parent's home). No young male has ever won an Oscar although a few ingenue actresses such has Anna Paquin (The Piano) had an unforgettable night with Oscar.

Caine

Unlike Osment, Michael Caine (*Cider House Rules*), has his veteran status on his side. He has won an Oscar before and he won the SAG Award which also makes him a favorite to win the award. *The Cider House Rules* has been surprisingly embraced by the critics and this acceptance could lead to another win the actor

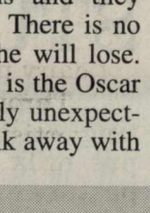
Should Win: Tom Cruise

Cruise

Without a doubt this award belongs to Cruise. His performance in *Magnolia* was undoubtedly the best performance be an onscreen talent this year. He took a very involved character and brought out parts of his demeanor and personality that no one expected including the writer/director Paul Thomas Anderson. This was the accumulation of years of practice and study as an actor. Cruise's friends in the industry will surely give him their vote. Their votes along with the people who will give him their nods based on talent will lead to a win in a very strong, but diverse category.

SUPPORTING ACTRESS:
Should Win: Angelina Jolie
Will Win: Angelina Jolie

This is Jolie's award any way you look at it. She has won every major award for her performance in *Girl Interrupted* and there is basically no way that it's going to end at the Big Show. Former Oscar winner John Voight is her father, the Hollywood brass love her, she has noticeably grown as an actress and finally she was unbelievably believable in this role as a mental patient. Remember the Academy loves characters with afflictions and they adore legacy actors. There is no possible way that she will lose. BUT, being that this is the Oscar race someone entirely unexpected will probably walk away with the prize.



Jolie

BEST PICTURE:
Should Win: American Beauty
Will Win: American Beauty

This was a piece of cinematic genius and deserves to win the biggest prize of the night. This film had the best ensemble cast of any of the nominated motion pictures and the voters realize and respect that. The biggest competition comes from *The Cider House Rules*, but it is too little too late to beat the powerhouse blockbuster known as *American Beauty*. It is unfortunate that more cast members from this fantastic work were not given what they deserve by at least getting a nomination.

Although these are my picks for those actors and films that were nominated, this is not my ideal Oscar ceremony.

Both *Magnolia* and *Fight Club* were unjustly overlooked by the Academy They may have been just too much for the voters. Movies that you have to think about are rarely given Oscar nods.

The Oscars will air March 26. Check your local listenings for time and channel.

Website of the week
www.cdnow.com

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

With Internet shopping having grown considerably in the past few years, many online companies are beginning to cash in on one of the teen market's biggest mediums, compact disc purchasing.

All companies online charge the necessary shipping and handling for a single purchase, usually reaching about $4.00, but a diverse universe of on-line CD shopping brings a diverse range of prices.

So in an effort to aid needy college students in what is "necessary", The A & E writers for the Current Sauce set out on a mission to find the best site for on-line CD buying site.

We compared three Internet web sites: CDNow.com, Amazon.com, and TeenMusic.org, which is the newest among the three.

All three sites were pretty reasonable, but when shipping and handling is added in, I personally recommend fighting the crowds and buy it at the store. If you're an online guru, though, and must get your items from the Internet, it seems that you can still get a pretty good deal online.

We compared CDs in four categories: Top 40, Country, Hip-Hop/R&B, and oldies.

In the Top 40 category, as expected, a range of prices filled all three sites. Creed's "My Own Prison" costs almost a dollar less on CDNow than the other two sites.

It seems that when shopping for more of a "teenie-bopper" style, as some call it, like Christina Aguilera, N' Sync, and others, it seems that TeenMusic offers the greatest discount of all: almost four dollars less than others. So, the award for the best place to shop for popular teen releases goes to TeenMusic.com.

When choosing from the country chart, two sites fared very well and one very poor. CDNow and Amazon.com both offered George Straight's "Latest Greatest Straitest hits" for $12.58 (plus shipping and handling of course). Much to our surprise, though, our model shoppers couldn't even find that album on TeenMusic.org.

Searching for Hip-Hop/R&B albums at a reasonable price online proved to be somewhat of an easy task for our researchers. All of the top songs on that chart were available for sell. Amazon.com was quite pricey, though, pricing Gerald Levert's "G" album at $13.99, the highest price found during our research for compact disc. The verdict: CDNow.com wins for its lowest prices on the albums that we looked up.

"Oldies" music was surprisingly easy to access on all three sites. Each one of the sites offered easy access to finding the greatest of oldies. All sites offered discs ranging from $12.58 to $13.30. Yet again, though, CDNow.com offered the most economical prices for Oldies.

As far as accessibility of other items often, all sites were found to be impressive. All offered RealPlayer samples that allowed for a thirty-second preview for at least half the songs on each disc. Both Amazon and CDNow also offered great alternatives to compact discs. Many things from Vinyl Records to digital minidiscs can be easily found and purchased on those two sites.

So our final verdict: The best web site for purchasing compact discs on the internet proved to be CDNow.com. Others weren't too much pricier, but did have price fluctuations that might make shoppers leery about purchasing there. CDNow.com offers easy access to affordable disc and alternative buying.

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How did the group 'N Sync come up with their name?

Gina Breaux
Freshman

There is a very interesting story behind the boy-band's name.

Justin and JC

The suggestion for the name originally came from 'N Sync member Justin Timberlake's mother.

She said that it best described the talents of the band.

She said that the group was 'N sync in their voices, dancing and attitude.

The group decided that the name was best for them when they realized that the last letters of their first names spelled out the Word 'N Sync.

Justin, Chris, Joey, Lance (nicknamed Lan) and JC.

The groups new album comes out today nationally.

Is the girl that played Stephanie on *Full House* still alive?

Jeff Montegut
Senior

Sweetin

Jodie Sweetin who played the charcter of Stephanie Judith Tanner on the hit ABC sitcom *Full House* is still alive and well.

Her career is still doing well... ok.

She was recently on the award winning FOX drama *Party of Five*, where she was casted in the role of Claudia's friend.

The actress is 18 now and working on her acting career, looking for movie roles where she can find them.

She hopes to land a job in television production.

For more information on the former child star, you can go to

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TOBY OR NOT TOBY

Poor ol' Toby Keith - it doesn't even look like his Chevy pickup can get him out of this crap. You may be thinking that it's old news by now, but the battle rages on.

The Spring Concert is catching a serious beatdown from KNWD who are announcing their Demonfest and promoting a boycott. And you heartless SOB's (not necessarily SAB's) have not even thought about how this will affect Toby Keith.

How do you think he'll feel when he steps on the stage to see a total of fifteen people (nine of which are older than sin and uglier than Buddha) all eerily chanting, "Oh, got to get you some?" Well, I'll tell you - he ain't exactly gonna feel like Shirley Temple on the Good Ship Lollipop.

And is it really worth boycotting the concert? Now, don't get me wrong... I'd rather have my prostate examined by an overzealous, butcher-handed proctologist than listen to country music. But the SAB isn't going to change their decision. And, if you don't go to the concert, you'll only be fueling Toby Keith's fire. Country singers love that sort of thing. He'll write a song about nobody showing up to his concert and how blue he felt.

And then, the next thing you know, he's got a #1 hit, he's filthy freaking rich, and your girlfriend's having his baby. But some of you may still be thinking, "It's the principle of the matter. I'm still boycotting." But can you really blame the administration?

They know that every hick and grandma in the triparish area will happily slap down their welfare and social security to see a country singer. When was the last time you saw your grandma and that guy from 'Swingblade' moshing to Godsmack? It would never happen.

The NSU administration knows that Toby Keith will bring more non-students and thus, more revenue. It is a greedy, money-grubbing machine. Hey, we all have our problems. Some people are greedy, some are alcoholics, and some people have herpes. None of us are perfect. But going around campus chanting, "Heck no, we won't go to the country concert" will not solve anything. So, you may be asking yourself, "Self, what can I do to show I don't' support the Spring Concert?" Well, it's pretty simple. Every student should go to the concert in drag.

Toby Keith, along with every redneck and old bag in the place, will make like a pirate's wheelbarrow and haul booty. This town may be filled with roughnecked people, but put a transsexual in front on them and they'll run for the door.

You see? It's just that simple. Toby Keith won't get his feeling hurt. And the deprived and depraved NSU administration (not to mention the SAB) will maybe try a nice, wholesome alternative band next semester. And everyone will know that we, the students, rule this mofo.

—Robby Sexton

GOT BEER? PETA URGES STUDENTS TO DUMP DAIRY

Norfolk, Va. — Getting college students to put milk products out to pasture - by telling them that even beer is better for them - mat not take much convincing, but PETA wants undergrads to know that the foam moustache should be from a brew, not a "moo," and has created a Web site, www.MilkSucks.com, to show them why.

In addition to being loaded with fat and cholesterol, dairy products are frequently contaminated with pesticides and drugs, and they are linked to diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers.

What's more, it is not "natural" for people to drink cows' milk; it is meant for calves. Humans are the only animals who drink the milk of another species and who drink milk beyond infancy. A nutritional comparison between beer and milk reveals that:

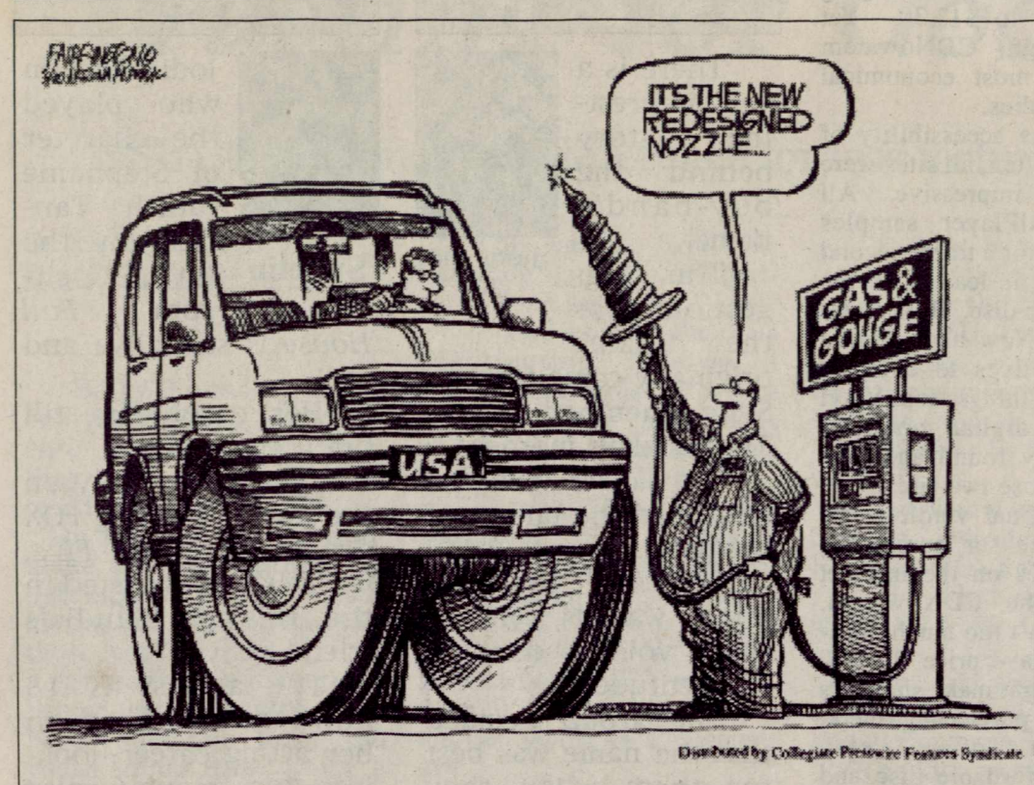
Beer has zero fat; milk is loaded with it.

Beer has zero cholesterol; milk contains 20 mg in every 8-oz glass.

Beer doesn't contain hormones or antibiotics, while milk contains pesticides and antibiotics fed to cows, including a bovine growth hormone that can give guys breasts.

"Dairy cows" today are treated like machines - continually impregnated to keep the lactating so that farmers may take their milk. To save time and human labor, factory farmers use milking machines that often cause cuts, injuries, and electric shocks to cows' udders. The calves - taken from their mothers soon after birth - are either added to the dairy herds or confined to small crates for the production of veal.

"Knowing how cows suffer in the dairy industry is enough to make anyone lactose intolerant," says PETA President Ingrid Newkirk. "And with so many delicious, healthful alternatives available, like fresh juices, soy milk - and yes, even beer - it's easy to dump the dairy."



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MARGINALIA

Students, this is an important announcement regarding parking on campus:

IT IS OK TO PARK IN AN ILLEGAL SPOT AS LONG AS YOU DO NOT BLOCK THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC OR CAUSE SOMEONE ELSE TO DO SO!

If you read the Current Sauce a few weeks ago you will see that police chief Williams said tickets are not issued to people who park illegally as long as they do not block the flow of traffic.

Excuse me, that is, the officers do not ticket faculty who park illegally and do not block the flow of traffic. What was I thinking? We all know that faculty and staff are in another strata of the NSU social circles compared to that of students.

Running with this logic, I guess it is ok to speed on Tarlton Drive as long as no one else is around. According to the chief's reasoning, I should be able to park in President Webb's driveway as long as I do not block the flow of traffic. Why can't I park next to the buildings I have classes in, as long as I do not block the flow of traffic?

Perhaps I am missing the big picture. Is the University afraid of the backlash it will receive if it enforces the rules on the faculty? Does a faculty vehicle parked in a handicapped parking space not block that space the same way a student vehicle does?

Perhaps, the University has decided to disregard the rules and award the faculty with this freedom of choice as a perk for their hard work. If this is the case faculty, I would hope you are expecting more on top of the parking for the work you do.

I know; the University has been withholding the rest of the slogan:

Northwestern, Where Students Come First...In Parking Fines.

If the fact that the police have decided who the law applies to and who it does not, is not upsetting to you, then may be you will care about the revenue not captured by overlooking these infractions.

Many weeks ago I counted the number of cars parked illegally in the faculty lot between the FACS building and the Student Union. I counted 21 illegally parked cars in the morning.

Over $500 went uncollected due to the police rewriting the rules. This was in the morning alone.

If you will, crunch the numbers with me.

Let's assume that the faculty will learn from their mistake and only a third of the people make this mistake from day to day (about $175 per day).

If we are in school about 90 days, we are missing about $15,750 a semester.

Remember this total is from the one lot only.

Approximately $30,000 a year (notice I am not calculating the summer months) sits idly by as the NSU police pick and choose who receives tickets.

Because I hate to complain without offering a resolution, I suggest that the faculty park in the lot by East Caldwell, behind Russell Hall.

After all, we have a shuttle program on campus.

Students, if you are still with me, I encourage you to let some people know how you feel.

You can email president Webb if you agree with me. All you have to do is wirte "I agree with Shawn's letter."

Dr. Webb is a faithfull reader of the Current Sauce, so he will know what you are talking about.

Do not wait for someone else to send the email. Do it today. The administration appreciates student input and I am sure this subject is no different.

Dr. Webb's email is: webb@nsula.edu.

Student Media

If you are interested in applying for a position as editor or manager of any of the sutdent media, you should check with the journalism office for requirements.

Positions will be filled after the Student Government elections at the end of this month.

More information will be advertised in the Current Sauce when it becomes available.

SGA Positions Open

Three Senator at large and one freshman class senator position are op within the SGA Senate. INterested parties should come by the SGA office and file an application. The office is located at 214 in the Student Union.

Also there is a vacancy for a Supreme Court Justice. Please come by the office to file for this position.

Call 357-4501 for more information.

SPORTS

University softball sweeps Nicholls State to go 8-1 in the SLC

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

These days, it seems like only MTV has more hits than Demon Softball team.

NSU drilled 32 hits and pounded out 20 runs in a tripleheader sweep against the Nicholls State Colonels last Monday.

With the sweep, the Demons (20-9 overall, and 8-1 SLC) have won six straight after losing to 3rd-ranked Arizona two weeks ago. Since then, Northwestern opponents have scored only two runs in six games.

Due to heavy rains, the games were postponed until 10 a.m. Monday. In the first game, Cindy Leggett pitched her second straight complete-game shutout, giving up five hits in the 6-0 win. Leggett, the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year, improves to 6-1 on the year.

Brandy Kenny hit her second home run of the season, all part of a 5 RBI day. Kenny had five hits in the three games, including another home run in the second game.

Linette Stuart went 2 for 3, including a double, and stole two bases.

In game 2, Erin Mancuso tagged a 2-run home run and the Demons cracked 11 hits in the 4-0 win.

Freshman of the Year candidate Amanda Ortego struck out nine and only allowed 4 hits in the shutout. Ortego improves o 8-5 on the season.

Game 3 saw the Colonels' only run in the series.
Nicholls got on the board in the bottom of the third, but the Demons had already put five up on the scoreboard.

NSU would add 5 more to soundly defeat the Colonels 10-1.

The Demons scored in all but two innings in the game.

Jessica Holaway was the third Demon to pitch a complete game that day, striking out nine and allowing only four hits.

Four Demons players (Mancuso, Amber Welker, Stuart, Shannon Straty) had four hits in the game along with Kenney's five.

The Colonels made as many errors in the three games (8) as they did hits in games two and three.

NSU continues its torrid pace at the plate.

The Demons slammed 14 extra-base hits, including eight doubles.

The Demons batted a collective .340 in the tripleheader.

NSU heads into a pivotal set against league-leading Stephen F. Austin tonight at 5:30.

Hebert named new La. Sports Hall of Fame inductee

By Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

University alumnus Bobby Hebert joined six other Louisiana greats as this year's newest inductees into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

"From a Northwestern perspective, I am thrilled to have Bobby go in, a guy that I went to college with, a guy that Northwestern can be proud of, not just in football, but in life," said University Sports Information Director and Hall of Fame Executive Director Doug Ireland.

Hebert continues to be involved with the University in many ways.

"To this day they are very passionate about Northwestern," Ireland said. They come to our games. They scream and cheer. They support our institution. They support our school of business. They are people who care, so personally I am quite thrilled to have one of our own recognized. That's always a joy."

According to Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame rules, no more than seven people may be inducted each year.

"There are many people on the ballot who are certainly deserving of being in the Hall of Fame, but unfortunately not all of them are getting recognized because it is such an exclusive process," Ireland said.

The 25-member selection committee, comprised of sports media throughout the state, selected seven inductees from 171 nominees.

"It's an extremely difficult decision making process," Ireland said. "We had three extraordinary hours of discussion during voting."

Ireland said that it is difficult to choose only seven, especially when it comes to choosing Louisiana football greats.

"The state has such a great long tradition of football. Think of all of the professional players in football," Ireland said. "Quite frankly, it is very difficult for someone from Louisiana to make the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in the sport of football unless they starred at the pro level."

Ireland said that while the state could easily establish a Louisiana Football Hall of fame, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame is dedicated to recognizing stars from all sports

"It is constitutionally mandated that we elect a diverse group that is reflected each year in the group that we elect," Ireland said.

The committee chooses inductees based upon more than athletic accomplishments.

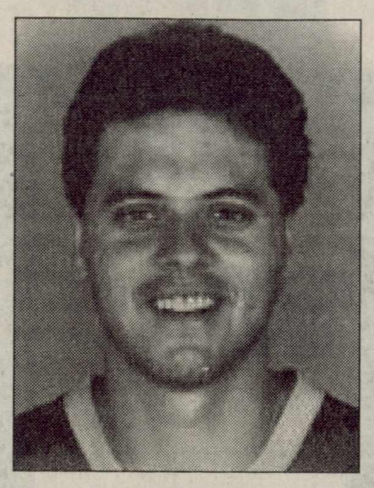
"They [the committee] are a very socially conscious group. They have made some clear decisions through the years that have recognize people's contributions to society, which is really important, not only athletically but socially as well," Ireland said.

Ireland said that the Hall is Louisiana's way of giving back to those who brought recognition to the state.

"The whole premise behind this as it was set up more than 40 years ago was to recognize the people who brought great credit to the state of Louisiana with their achievements," Ireland said.

Other inductees were Gary Barbaro, Ken Ellis, Jim Finks, Kenny Konz, Mickey Patterson-Tyler, and Mike Sanders.

"Each year, having the privilege of dealing with these people, what I find is that they are remarkable individuals," Ireland said. "Had they not been successful in athletics, they would have been successful as educators, as business people, in law enforcement, in any field they chose because they have the ingredients to achieve greatness and a large does of humility."



Hebert

2000 Demon football spring practice schedule released

By Kaleb Breaux
Sports Editor

The 2000 Demon Football practice schedule for the spring has been released. The dates and times of the practices are as follows:

Saturday -- 9 a.m.

April 1-- 9 a.m.

April 8 -- 9 a.m.

The Joe Delaney Bowl, the inter-squad scrimmage at the end of the spring practice, will be played on Wednesday, March 12th. The game will begin at 6 p.m. in Turpin Stadium. The event is free and everyone is encouraged to attend.

'You pick 'em contest' results

Here are the results through the second round of the 2000 'you pick 'em contest'. The names listed are in the top 10. The top 10 'you pickers' are as follows:

Name	1st Rnd. Pts.	2nd Rnd. Pts.	Total Points
1) Ron Corkern	29	11	40
2) (Four way tie)			
Daniel Goyer	28	9	37
Atari Warner	28	9	37
Joni Naquin	27	10	37
Garrick Vercher	27	10	37
3) (Five way tie)			
Larry Collins	29	7	36
Emily Wanesdorfer	29	7	36
Cade Brumley	28	8	36
Dustin Morrow	28	8	36
Megan Carpenter	27	9	36

If your name does not appear on the top 10 list, do not sweat it. The way that things have been going, anything can happen.
Good luck and keep reading!

Boxscores

Baseball

NSU vs. Texas Southern (March 14)

TSU 001 002 000-3 8 2
NSU 020 030 00X-5 9 0
WP-Johnson (3-0) LP-Winder (1-3) Save-Jennings (1)

NSU @ UT-San Antonio (March 18 DH)

Game 1
NSU 010 010 0-2 7 1
UTSA 100 000 0-1 7 0
WP-Stout (4-2) LP-Montoya (2-5) Save-Dendausse (3)

Game 2
NSU 000 300 000 00-3 7 3
UTSA 011 000 001 01-4 9 0
WP-Howton (1-2) LP-Floyd (0-1)

NSU @ UT-San Antonio (March 19)

NSU 012 130 121-11 15 3
UTSA 200 000 300- 5 8 2
WP-Jennings (1-0) LP-Pape (1-3)

Northwestern 17-11, 5-4 SLC

NOTE: Next home game will be March 25th in a doubleheader against Southwest Texas.

Softball

NSU @ Nicholls St. (March 20 TH)

Game 1
NSU 013 200 0-6 9 0
Nich 000 000 0-0 5 2
WP-Leggett (6-1) LP-Matherne (2-10)

Game 2
NSU 000 101 2-4 11 0
Nich 000 000 0-0 4 2
WP-Ortego (8-5) LP-Scott (1-8)

Game 3
NSU 230 021 2-10 12 1
Nich 001 000 0-1 4 4
WP-Holaway (6-3) LP-Matherne (2-11)

Northwestern 20-9, 8-1 SLC

NOTE: The next home game will be March 25th in a doubleheader against Southeastern LA.

Tennis

NSU @ Nicholls St. (March 18)

NSU 5, Nich. 4

Singles
Lukic (NSU) d. Gauthier 6-1, 6-3
Villani (Nich.) d. Mathews 6-4, 4-6, 6-2
Gloria (Nich.) d. Wallace 4-6, 6-2, 1-0
Unger (NSU) d. Wade 6-0, 6-2
Lasuzzo (NSU) d. Picou 6-1, 6-0
Olsen (NSU) w. (default)

Doubles
Villani/Gloria (Nich.) d. Mathews/Wallace 2-3
Gauthier/Wade (Nich.) d. Lukic/Lasuzzo 8-6
Unger/Olsen (NSU) w. (default)

NSU 5-7, 3-3 SLC

The next home match will be March 21 against UL-Lafayette.

Demons win two out of three against UTSA

Photo by Gary Hardamon

By Cade Brumley
Sauce Reporter

NSU clinched the three-game series against the University of Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners Sunday afternoon with an 11-5 win.

In the best of three series, the Demons were able to attain 28 hits during the series; however, they did commit seven errors in the field.

With the two wins, NSU moved to 17-11 overall and 5-4 in the Southland Conference. The Demons moved into a tie for fourth after the weekend series.

The Demons will travel to take on Texas Southern in a non-conference match-up.

The Demons will be returning home to take on Southwest Texas in a 3 game SLC series this weekend. The Saturday doubleheader is set to begin at noon with game three scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday.

Track teams place at College Station relays

Sports Information

Northwestern State senior Regina Roe defeated Texas A&M All-American Katy Doyle to win the women's javelin Saturday, while the Lady Demon 4x100 relay team also won at the College Station Relays track and field meet.

Roe ran her record to 2-0 this spring and improved her NCAA provisional qualifying status by more than two feet with a throw of 163-9.

A&M's Doyle, fifth at the NCAA Championships last spring, threw 163-0.

The Lady Demon relay foursome of Erica Casnave, Kim Pouncy, Camille Pouncy and Dasha Thompson ran a winning 45.77 to hold off Texas-Arlington (45.84), Texas Tech (45.90) and Southern (46.18) in the 4x100 relay.

The Northwestern women got second from Jacqueline Canton in the high jump (5-4 1/2) and by Makele Carr in the women's 400 meter hurdles (1:02.24), with the two wins and two seconds accounting for 36 of the Lady Demons' 46 points.

That total put Northwestern fifth in the women's standings behind Texas A&M (100 1/4), Texas Tech (77 1/4), UTA (54) and Oklahoma State (50), but ahead of Lamar (43. 1/4), SMU (39), Nebraska (38) and Southern (33) in the top 10 of the 15 women's teams scoring Saturday.

In the men's division, Northwestern got a runner-up finish and a collegiate-best throw by sophomore Latrell Frederick, whose 212-1 was topped only by a 218-11 mark from Cory Lehman of Nebraska.

The Demon 4x100 meter relay team, anchored by Southland Conference 100 meter champion Chad Miller, was second in 41.09, trailing only Texas Tech (40.62).

Texas A&M won the men's competition with 124 points, followed by Texas Tech (66), SMU (61), Nebraska (60), UTA (57) and Northwestern (37) in the top six among 14 teams competing.

Hector Andujo ran third for Northwestern in the men's 1500 (3:57.40) while Kendrick Turner finished third in the long jump (24-3 3/4).

Danny Allen gave the Demons fourth in the shot put (50-0 1/2) and Tyson Dillard was fourth in the triple jump (49-1 1/2).

Miller ran fifth in the 100 (10.78) for Northwestern.

The Lady Demons got a 5-6 finish in the 3000 from Jody Weierholt (11:01.10) and Liza Mulholland (11:40.54).

Canton also secured fifth in the triple jump with a 37-4 1/2 leap.

NSU's Carrie Norton took fifth in the 400 hurdles (1:05.85).

Casnave ran sixth in the 400 (57.86) and Thompson was sixth in the 200 (24.60) and seventh in the 100 (12.26).

Northwestern competes next weekend at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette Classics meet.

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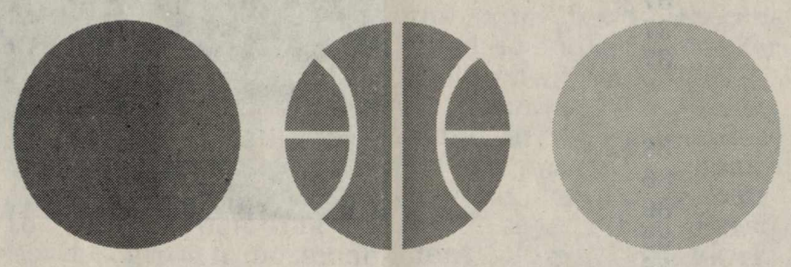

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News in Brief

GROUP LANDS TWO PRESENTATIONS –

Two presentations by an interdisciplinary research group at NSU have been accepted for presentation at two upcoming conferences.

The group is headed by Dr. Patrice Moulton, acting head of the Department of Psychology at NSU and Dr. Michael Moulton, coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Performance.

Patrice Moulton and Michael Moulton along with David Cosio of Natchitoches, Vessela Tzoneva of Mansfield and Daniel Neller of Tulsa, Okla., will present "Helping Professionals in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS." The paper will be delivered at a conference of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in New Orleans.

FIELD SET FOR STATE QUIZ BOWL –

Students from 32 public and private schools across Louisiana will compete in the state Quiz Bowl tournament hosted by Northwestern on Saturday, April 1.

The teams will compete in four divisions, based on enrollment in their respective high schools. The four winning teams will then compete in a televised game to determine the state Quiz Bowl champions. That team will go on to represent the state of Louisiana in the Panasonic Academic Challenge, a nationwide quiz bowl, in Orlando, Fla., in June.

FACULTY TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE --

Professor of Mathematics Dr. Stan Chadick and Dr. Frank Serio Jr., an associate professor of mathematics and coordinator of NSU's Department of Mathematics, recently participated in the 2000 International Conference on Industry, Engineering and Management Systems (IEMS2k) in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Chadick gave a presentation entitled, "Teaching Mathematics with Computers, Calculators, or No Technology: What is Appropriate?" based on research conducted by himself, Serio and Dr. Leigh Ann Myers.

Serio gave a presentation entitled, "A Mathematics Curriculum for the 21st Century." This talk was a preliminary report of the research being carried out by Serio and Chadick funded by their BoRSF Grant, "Sharpening the Mathematics Saw."

SGA elections to be held Wednesday

By Errica Reynolds
Sauce Reporter

The voice of the students will be heard Wednesday when votes are cast for the office of SGA president, vice-president and treasurer.

This is the first time in two years that there has been the need to have an election for student government president.

Together on one ticket for the office is W. David Gunn for president and

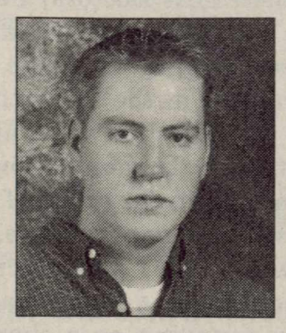
Courtney

Rusty Broussard for vice-president. Running against them will be the ticket of Justin H. Courtney for president and Jamie Hughes for vice-president.

Current SGA President Shawn T. Hornsby believes that both Gunn and Courtney would do well as the next president.

"Both David and Justin have some good ideas and plans," Hornsby said. "No matter who is elected the students will be getting someone who wants to make a difference."

There are two candidates running for SGA treasurer: JaJuan Allen



Gunn

and John-Michael McConnell.

With a total of 15 positions to fill as SGA senators at large, the 13 students who filed to run in the election are automatically elected. These students are: Leanna Anderson, Amanda Barrios, Daniel W. Bush, Vanessa R. Byrd, Justin W. Chandler, Andrew T. Davies, Jack Givens, William H. Hooper, Joni Naquin, Jennifer J. Paul, Frank Toro, Michael J. Ward, and Christopher Todd Yore.

Elections will be held on Wednesday in the student union.

Housing prices to increase for Fall 2000

By Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

The boost in the Fall 2000 dorm prices will be the last substantial price increase for on-campus resident halls.

Dorm prices are expected to increase $75, boosting the current $725 cost for a double room to $800 per semester.

Mary Edith Stacy, director of auxiliary services, said the Fall 2000 dorm price increase is the final process in a pricing plan that was designed to spread the new housing cost over a three year period, instead of hitting on-campus residents with the full price increase at one time.

"This price increase was approved almost three years ago," Stacy said. "We've just spread out the cost to make it easier for students."

The University's three year plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors for State Colleges and Universities in April, 1998.

Fall 1998 through Spring 1999 marked the first year the pricing plan went into effect, increasing the cost of living on-campus in a double room from $590 to $650. This $60 price increase grew to $75 by the 1999-2000 academic year which raised the price from $650 to $725. The 2000-2001 academic year will bring the pricing plan's final $75 increase.

Frances Watkins Conine, director of student services, said the reason for the $210 total dorm price increase is "to help us [auxiliary services] be self-supporting in our budget."

"We don't get any money in housing from the state," Conine said. "All of our money is generated by student fees."

With no state appropriation, the housing unit primarily depends on resident hall fees to cover the cost of labor, maintenance, utilities, etc. So, when the cost of these services increase, dorm prices increase as well.

Conine said the housing unit had delayed the dorm price increase for a long time before raising the fee in 1998. As a result, the housing unit was financially "in the red." Even after the dorm price increase, housing will still operate with a minimum deficit.

Stacy said administration may develop a financial plan for housing in the Fall 2000 semester to lower their deficit. Regardless of the deficit, Conine said students should not expect another major price

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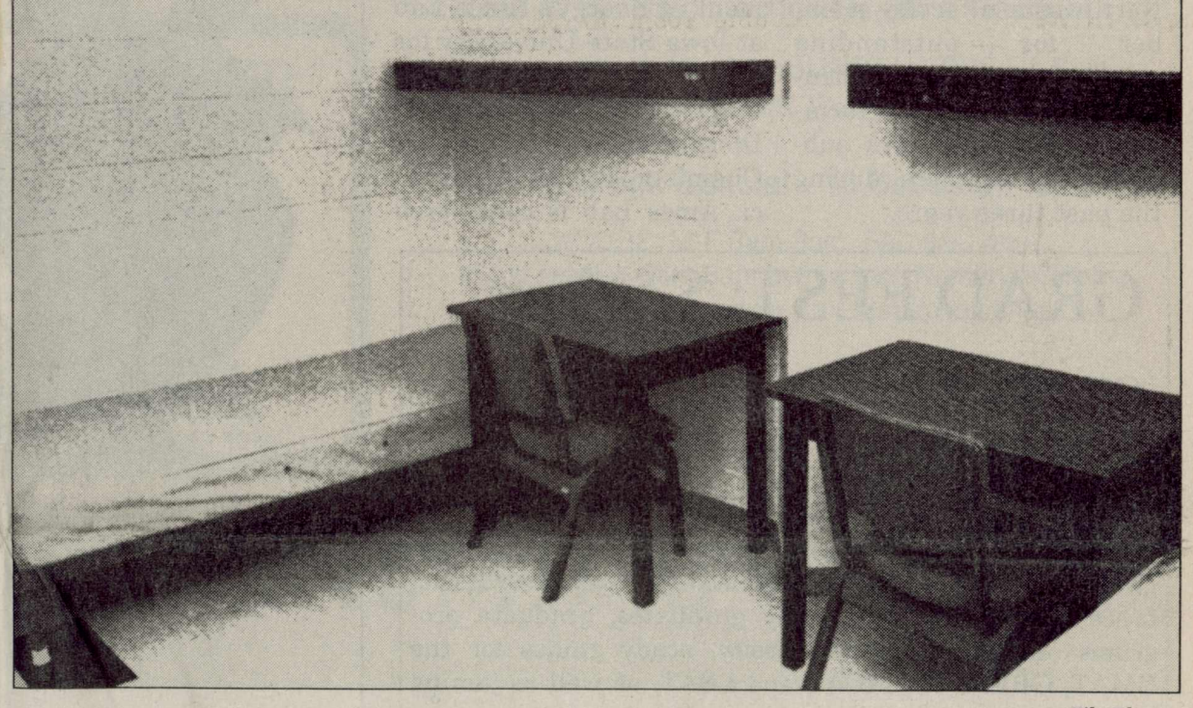

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Dorm rooms, such as this one in Rapides Hall, will be at an all-time high starting in the Fall 2000 semester. Dorm prices have increased from approximately $500 for a double room in the fall of 1997 to the price of $800 this coming fall.

Housing increases to hit University Columns also

By Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

The cost of living in the Columns will increase for another year and leaves some students wondering if its worth it.

The cost of living goes up every year in the columns said Sabrina Smith, acting director of the columns. She said the increase in funds go toward the increasing price of upkeep and maintenance.

"The students that live here don't exactly live the lifestyle of the smooth and easy," Smith said. "The furniture tears and replacements have to be made. We have to cover the cost of labor and each of these go up every year."

Smith also said the prices have increased every year and will probably increase at the rate of two to five percent depending on the market.

The Columns does not expect a decrease in residents, but however, Smith says more students will be trying to find competitive rates. Smith adds the University Columns aren't the typical apartment complex.

Current Columns resident Jennifer Stephens feels that the increase serves no forseable purpose.

"It is becoming ridiculously expensive to live in the columns," Stephens said. "We are seeing no major improvements in the complex as a result of the cost increase.

The Columns offers students prizes, certificates, contests. Students enjoy living among other students and the columns also offers the student and individual lease liability.

Smith is confident that the columns is the best choice for students despite the price increase.

Alumni Association, Wallace's sponsor Grad Fest

By Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

Grad Fest 2000 filled the Friedman Student Union Ballroom last Thursday with caps, gowns and a lot of graduating seniors.

The "one-stop graduation shop" was organized by the NSU Alumni Association and Wallace Bookstores to make all of the information and supplies students need for graduation available in one place.

"We wanted to make it as simple as possible for our graduating students to get everything they need in one place, a one-stop graduation shop," Chris Maggio, director of alumni affairs, said. "While at the same time introducing them to the alumni association and allowing them to continue supporting their soon-to-be alma mater."

"You can get everything done at one time. There's none of this running around campus to do your exit interview and pick up your cap and gown. You can do everything right here. It's actually a benefit to the college and to the graduate student."

Denise Fontenot,
Senior

Grad Fest 2000 gave graduating seniors the opportunity to purchase caps and gowns, have graduation photos taken (free of charge), get answers to financial aid questions, complete exit interviews and order graduation announcements, class rings and transcripts for mailing in May.

"You can get everything done at one time," Denise Fontenot, senior scholar's college major, said. "There's none of this running around campus to do your exit interview and pick up your cap and gown. You can do everything right here. It's actually a benefit to the college and to the graduate student."

Pete Wardell, senior biology major, said it is the convenience of having everything a student needs for graduation available in one location that attracts so many graduating seniors to Grad Fest.

"I think it's really convenient to have Grad Fest in the student union," Wardell said, "because we can do our exit interviews here instead of going somewhere else to do it."

Triciah Rapmann, senior family and consumer science major, said that Grad Fest benefits seniors in several ways, but considers the convenience of "getting everything done ahead of time to prepare for gradua

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News

Rudd named recipient of 2000 Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award

Building on the premise that ideas generate more ideas, and having his students work on projects that may lead to bigger projects, Dr. Martin Rudd believes in getting his students involved in research as undergraduates.

After spending the past two summers designing and identifying new molecules and working to control the speed of certain chemical reactions, Rudd shared many of his theories with his students and has used much of what he learned in the classroom.

For his scholarly and creative significance, as well as his originality, national, regional and local impact and the critical recognition by experts in the chemistry field, Rudd, an assistant professor of chemistry at Northwestern State University, was named the recipient of the 2000 Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award.

The Bailey Award is presented annually to a Northwestern faculty member for outstanding research and/or distinguished artistic performance or creative work substantially complete during the past three years.

Rudd received his undergraduate degree and his doctorate from University of Warwick, England. He has been a member of NSU's faculty since 1997.

From 1995 to 1997, Rudd was a Robert A. Welch Post Doctoral Fellow with the Department of Chemistry at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, with Professor F.G.A. Stone. During the 1994-95 academic year, he was a Post Doctoral Fellow in the Royal Society European Science Exchange Programme in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Bergen, Norway working in the group of Professor Steinar Husebye.

"To me, post-doctoral research was a vital part of my rounding as a chemist, as it allowed me to experience several different fields of chemistry in different parts of the world and build up a publications list of which I can be proud." Rudd said.

He has been a visiting scientist at the U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Lab at Iowa State University for the past two summers under the supervision of Distinguished Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Angelici. Ames Lab is considered one of the country's premier research facilities in physical sciences and mathematics.

Rudd has been chosen for a 2000 National Science Foundation Summer Fellowship in solid state chemistry. Rudd will carry out his research in the Department of Chemistry at UCLA, working in the group of Dr. Rick Kaner.

"I chose to work with Dr. Kaner as his research projects have the closest links to my background in inorganic chemistry," Rudd added. "It is a tremendous opportunity for me personally and for curriculum development in the Department of Chemistry and Physics here at NSU."

Rudd said the NSF program, which is open to all chemistry faculty including those from larger research universities, allows faculty and students to learn about solid state chemistry from experts in the field and to see how this knowledge is applied in the laboratory.

Photo by Steve Evan

Dr. Martin Rudd (right) is presented with this year's Mildred Har Bailey Research Award from Thomas Hanson

GRAD FEST: Seniors enjoy events benefits

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tion" the best benefit of all.

Grad Fest 2000 also gave students a jump on life after graduation by providing information about career assistance available to University graduates, graduate programs offered at the University, study guides for the GMAT, GRE, NTE, MCAT and LSAT, as well as joining the NSU Alumni Association.

"Grad Fest really helps you get organized if you have plans about graduate school and graduation," Natasha McPhearson, senior psychology major, said. "It gets you really organized for commencement as well."

Students are encouraged to take advantage of this "one-stop" opportunity and can do so in both the Fall and Spring semesters.

"It has been a great benefit to students," Darlene Richardson, manager of the University bookstore, said. "I think the students appreciate the opportunity to come to one location and address their needs. We will continue to do this as the students express their desire to seek convenience."

Campus Connections

Aerobics Classes

Monday - Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. with Tasha Preylo.
Tuesday - Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Kristy McDaniel.
Come by the IM for details.

Baptist Campus Ministries

Baptist Campus Ministries located across from the University offers lunch every Thursday from 11 to 12:30 for NSU students for $1.

Club Soccer

NSU Men's Club Soccer team is looking for people who are interested in playing in the spring semester. No previous experience is necessary. We welcome everyone. Practices are held behind Watson Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:45 p.m., and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Coach Jim Kilcoyne 352-5888, or Cesar Isaitt 354-6483. Come out and play.

KNWD

If anyone is interested in being a DJ it's not too late to sign up. If interested, stop by the station and talk to Manny or Josh.

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the journalism conference room

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Seniors plan for life after graduation

By Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

Grad Fest 2000 may have prepared students for graduation, but are these students prepared for life after graduation?

The University will be glad to know that most of this year's graduating seniors said they are prepared and have their sights set on the future.

"I'm a Louisiana State Trooper," Todd Derrick, senior criminal justice major, said. "I've been one for the last three years and that's what I plan to continue to do after I graduate."

Although many graduating seniors are anxious to join today's workforce, several seniors said they plan to further their education before jumping on the "employment express."

"I'm going to further my humanities and social thought education by getting a Master's Degree in humanities and social thought, concentrating in science in society, at NYU," Denise Fontenot, senior scholar's college major, said. "So, I'll be living in GrenichVillage with all the hippies."

Natasha McPhearson, senior psychology major, plans to further her education in psychology while living among the University's demons.

"I'm coming back to Northwestern," McPhearson said. "to get my Master's Degree in SPS."

"After graduation, I'm going to take the LSAT [Law School Admission Test] and see how I do on that," Leslie Rivers, senior applied sociology major, said. "It'll either be that or grad school."

With so many opportunities to choose from, some seniors have yet to decide which direction they want to go after graduation.

"I really don't know what I'm doing after graduation," Triciah Rapmann, senior family and consumer science major, said. "I'm doing my internship in the summer and that will, kind of, help me make my decision."

Pete Wardell, senior biology major, turned toward Grad Fest 2000 to get a jump on life aft graduation.

"I'm looking into seve al things," Wardell sai "Hopefully, something Grad Fest can help m out."

Darlene Richardso manager of the Universi bookstore, said providi information that studen need for graduation a beyond is the purpose Grad Fest 2000. Althou it primarily benefits students, Richardson s Grad Fest has faculty be fits as well.

"It's a time for us [faculty] to get a chance visit with each stude Richardson said. "To o our sincere congratulati and wish them the best the future."

CIS program recieves $2.7 million software grant

Computer information systems students at Northwestern State University will get to work with some of the latest database management software used by business and industry while in the classroom. The College of Business has received a $2.7 million software grant from the Oracle Corporation for use in the computer information systems curriculum.

NSU was provided with the latest versions of programs including Designer 2000 used for data modeling, Developer 2000 for client server applications and Discoverer 2000, a data mining program used with a company's web site.

"These are the same tools industry is using," said NSU Professor of Computer Information Systems Dr. Claude Simpson. "By having access to these tools, students will be positioned to function in business and industry after graduation."

These software grants are made only to institutions with an Oracle master, a faculty member who has taken a required number of training courses from Oracle, one of the world's leading software companies.

Simpson is an Oracle master. The company has the top selling database management software and the number two selling software.

"This grant was made possible because of the total commitment to the computer information systems program and Dr. Simpson's presence at NSU," said Dr. Carroll D. Aby Jr., dean of the College of Business. "Access to this software will be of tremendous help to our students and will help us attract the best students to our program."

NSU's Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems is one of the university's designated Unique Areas of Excellence. Students study in four component areas: information engineering, client/server, database management and telecommunications. The program was one of the first undergraduate curriculums in the nation to use the computer aided software engineering approach.

"Software companies receive a great benefit from making this software available," said Simpson. "There are thousands of unfilled jobs in the CIS field. Students who train on this software will use it on the job which will lead to more sales in the future."

DORM: Rates to level out after increase in fall semester

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increase in the near future.

"I don't see us going up another big hunk," Conine said. "If we have to go up at all, it will be in smaller increments. Differential rates could be an alternative."

Resident halls have benefited from the price increase by undergoing several home improvements.

Furniture has been refurbished in Rapides, Sabine, Dodd and Bossier halls. Sabine Hall has been completely re-painted, the lobby has been re-done and all new interior doors have been installed. A high-tech camera security system has been installed in Rapides Hall. Computer labs have been built in Rapides, Sabine, Varnado, and Bossier halls and a lab is targeted to go into Dodd Hall.

"We've got plans, this summer, to do some more painting and more furniture refurbishing," Conine said. "Not to mention routine maintenance. It's never ending."

Conine does not expect the $75 dorm price increase to drive on-campus residents off-campus and said on-campus resident hall prices remain competitive with other university dorm prices in our System as well as most off-campus housing alternatives.

"Our major reason for doing this is to be able to be self-supporting in our budget and to be able to provide day-to-day maintenance," Conine said. "Our goal is maintenance reserve."

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☐ YES With tuition hikes in the near future, are you concerned about ending unnecessary increases in student self-assessed fees?

☐ YES Are you ready to see improvements in security and atmosphere **in all the dorms** that match the increases in dorm fees?

☐ YES Would you like to see reform in the election process of student officials?

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One of the biggest health promotion events in northwest Louisiana is expected to be bigger than in previous years and will have information and services for people of all ages.

HealthFest 2000, featuring more than 80 exhibits related to overall wellness, will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 13 in Prather Coliseum at Northwestern State University. The event, which is sponsored by NSU1s Department of Health and Human Performance and Natchitoches Parish Hospital, is open to the public.

HealthFest 2000 Exhibit Coordinator Tara Gallien said the purpose of the event is to enhance health awareness and provide knowledge about the dimensions of wellness.

This year's screenings include cholesterol (total and HDL/LDL ratio), bone density, blood sugar, pulmonary functioning, blood pressure, vision, dental and body fat screenings. Cholesterol screenings will cost $7. All other screenings and information are free.

Several health-related agencies will be on hand to provide information on programs and services available through their agencies. Gallien said that information on stress relief, depression and anxiety will be available, as well as information on alcohol and drug abuse prevention. Louisiana Blood Center will also hold a blood drive during the HealthFest.

HealthFest Director Dr. Catherine McMillan said that, in conjunction with HealthFest, the Department of Health and Human Performance is hosting two additional events — the 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fest 2000

The HealthFest 2000 5K Run/Walk and One Mile Fun Run is set for April 8. It begins at 8 a.m. at the Health and Human Performance Building on NSU1s campus. Registration for Northwestern students, faculty and staff is $8. Early registration, prior to April 3, is $10. Late registration is $12. The fee includes a t-shirt.

Participants may register online at www.activeusa.com, or they may call (318) 357-5126 for more information on the event.

Kids Fest 2000 is a new addition to the health fair and will provide entertaining and helpful information and screenings for children.

3Shots for Tots2 will provide free immunizations for children, adolescents and college students. In addition, they will provide tetanus shots for adolescents and adults, and Pneumococcal shots for people over 65 years of age. Kids Fest 2000 will be held from 3-5 p.m. during the health fair.

Immunizations will only be offered during Kids Fest 2000 and are also provided for free. Organizers for 3Shots for Tots2 request that parents bring their children1s shot records.

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- "Rock the Bayou Night" (8pm-2am)
  - Spring Break Official Opening
  - Band/Deejay
  - Alcohol-Free Frozen Drinks

Friday, April 21
- "Big Beach Blast" (11am-6pm)
  - Best Tan Contest, Biggest Muscles Contest, Arm Wrestling Contest
  - King and Queen of Spring Break
  - Volleyball tournament
  - Tug of War
  - Wacky Relay Races
  - Band/Deejay
  - Alcohol-free frozen drinks
- "Say What Karaoke," (8-10 pm)
- Friday Night Fever Dance Party (10-2 am)

Saturday, April 22
- Astroworld Trip (7:30 am-9 pm)
- Canoe Trip (7:30 am-6 pm)
- Night Activities
  - "Millennium Party" (9-12 pm) (Laser Tag, Internet Café, Pool Tournament, Video Arcade)
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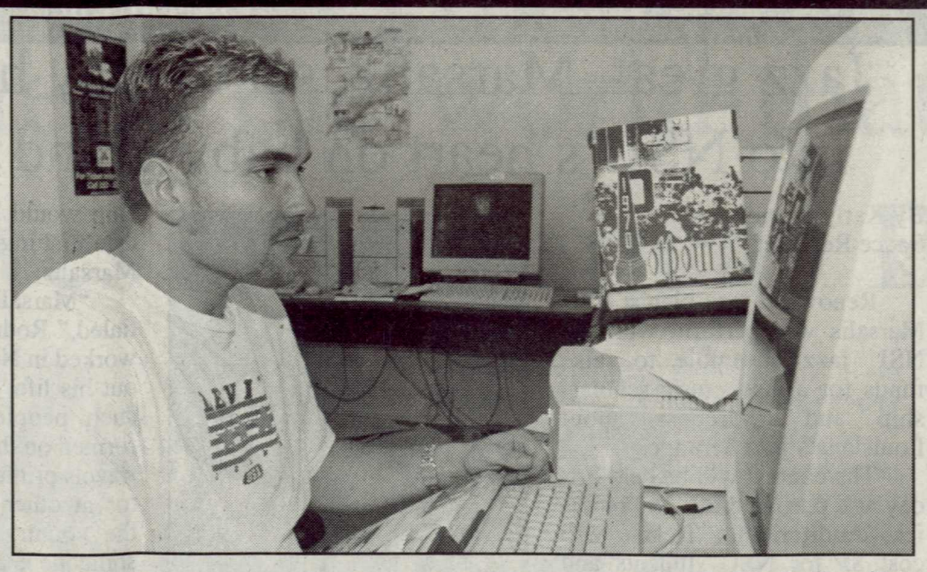

photo by Heath Crawford

Sauce Managing Editor Josh Beavers designs the news section of the paper, using several Macintosh programs.

With positions for student media opening, many students may be wondering what is involved in running the University newspaper, yearbook, radio station or literary magazine.

Look no further than *The Current Sauce* for explanations. Over the next four weeks, *The Current Sauce* will detail each student media position available, beginning this week with editor-in-chief of *The Current Sauce*.

This year's *Sauce* staff made a goal at the beginning of the fall semester to change the image of the University paper.

With a new sports editor, more coverage of controversial topics and the recent addition of the on-line Current Sauce, the staff appears to have met their goal.

Managing editor Josh Beavers believes the paper has undergone a face-lift this year.

"I think we all strive to improve the layout of the paper from week to week and make it more professional," Beavers said. "We might not achieve that goal every week, but as a whole, I think we've changed."

When the University paper arrives on newsstands on Tuesday afternoons, students see the culmination of a week-long process.

The process begins on Thursday of every week with the Sauce staff meeting, where editor-in-chief Shawn Hornsby and each section editor assigns articles for the following week.

Hornsby and Beavers gather ideas for articles prior to the Thursday meeting from press releases, other newspapers and tips from students University employees.

Beavers said this is often the most trying aspect of working on the paper.

"It's hard to always come up with breaking news stories," Beavers said. "We try to stay in touch with everything going on around campus, from sports to the art department, to better inform the students."

Keeping up to date on local, state and national current events is only part of the job of the editing staff, Beavers said.

"You also have to be willing to dig a little deeper than the average person to find that story that might make a positive change on campus," Beavers remarked. "We have to be willing to upset a few people, who are sometimes friends of the staff, to bring a story to the students' attention."

Hornsby agrees that covering controversial topics makes for an exciting, but potentially harmful job.

"Controversial topics give you a small rush once you get over the fear of offending someone," Hornsby said. It is important to remember to seek both sides of the story when covering a controversial topic."

Another side of the paper exists outside of the straight-laced news section. Larry Collins, arts and entertainment editor and Melissa Robertson, features editor, try to report on the lighter side of campus news.

"Except for my column, I try not to focus on anything negative in the articles on my page," Robertson said. "I think there is a side to Northwestern that few students ever see, and that's the side I try to report."

Collins tries to get a mix of entertainment news, from music and television to local art shows for his page of the paper.

"I try to get an adequate mix of national and local entertainment and art news to keep the students better abreast of what is happening on campus," Collins said.

Guys on campus are often seen reading the paper from back to front, because of Kaleb Breaux's sports section.

Breaux, a freshman, is the newest member to the staff and has already changed the look of the sports section, adding more national scores and sports columns.

Putting it all together

Designing the paper begins Sunday evening or bright and early Monday morning.

The day is filled with an hectic rush of gathering last minute stories, photographs and advertisements for the issue. Each section editor compiles their materials and begins the process of laying out a newspaper page.

Using several Macintosh computer programs, each section editor spends several hours placing and replacing their articles and art, sometimes only to have to redesign everything because of excess white space on the page. Most of the staff is familiar with late Monday nights and watching the sunrise on Tuesday mornings.

Although applications must be filled out for the editor-in-chief positions, other positions are available for section editors, reporters and photographers. Interested students should attend a weekly staff meeting held Thursdays at 3:30 in Rm 225 Kyser Hall.

Students interested in applying for editor-in-chief of *The Current Sauce* must meet the following requirements: be a full-time student at the University with a cumulative 2.0 GPA, be in good academic standing, have completed 45 hours, not serve in any other University position paid for by Student Association fees and must have served on the staff at least one semester prior to selection. For further information concerning qualifications, go to the journalism office in Kyser Hall.

Murder by Humiliation?

Melissa Robertson
Features Editor

Robert Markman is a strange mix.

After becoming a psychiatrist, Markman decided to head back to school and pursue a law degree.

After consulting on several well-known cases, such as Ted Bundy and the Hillside Strangler, Markman has become an expert in the field of homicidal violence, or in layman's terms, murder.

Murder, Markman explained, is an act anyone is capable of committing.

"No one is a potential rapist, robber..." Markman said. "But everyone is capable of murder."

Markman holds a different view of the underlying cause of murder. He believes that murder is an act committed out of humiliation, instead of the commonly though anger, frustration or revenge.

He described the Bible story of Cain and Abel, where Cain, who was humiliated by God, murders his brother, Abel.

"It is often therapeutic for the humiliator to kill someone," Markman said. ""They are playing God, being in charge of someone else's life."

He also explained that not all persons with antisocial behaviors are criminals.

"Those people do not always become criminals," Markman said. "The tendency usually develops in the first four years of life."

Markman believes the answer to getting rid of homicide is not getting rid of guns.

"We have to keep individuals in prison longer for their crimes," Markman said. "If you do the killing, you're going to get the maximum, punishment."

He also said juveniles must be punished more severely for first offenses.

"Their first or second time [in juvenile court] nothing happens," Markman said. "the third or fourth, it's a slap on the wrist. We have to punish kids the first time around."

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My Side

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

I am, by nature, a creature of habit. My lifestyle revolves around certain events occurring in sequential order to make me a happy person.

This morning, my routine, so thoroughly cherished, was broken by the powers that be in what became my $h!t%y Dorm Day.

First, let me detail a normal day. It's normal for me, anyway.

I awake to the soft humming of my alarm clock. No droning, heart-stopping, flesh-crawling alarms for me. I prefer the "Please rise Melissa" any day.

As I leave my soft covers, I hurriedly rush to don my fuzzy terry cloth robe and matching slippers to fight off the morning chill that hangs in my room.

Then I meander over to the sink to scrub the night's glow from my face and pick up a towel and cute compatible shower caddy to proceed to the shower.

After spending a relaxing half hour or so in a steamy shower, I again don my robe and spend a few minutes deciding on my attire for the day.

Finally, after making myself presentable, I step outside to enjoy another beautiful day at Northwestern.

Now, let me tell you about another day.

My $h!t%y Dorm Day began similar to most, with my alarm clock slightly humming in my ear.

As I rose from my bed, I noticed the air in the room was slightly tepid. No need for me to race to get a robe today. The air was muggy enough for mosquitoes to complain.

"Oh well," I say to myself, "I'll still make this a good day."

Unfortunately, the fates, or the housing people, were against me.

I stepped over to my wall to turn on the light above my sink, only to discover that the bulb had gone out, after being replaced not three months ago.

Slightly peeved now, I jerked on the facet to turn on the water, and what awaited me? Nice, ice cold water. I stood patiently, awaiting the hot water, but to no avail.

So, there I was; no air conditioning, no light, no hot water. And someone was consistently beating on the back door, because, apparently, the card system was inoperable. (Guys, when I said fix the problem last week; I didn't mean to shut off the entire system.)

Two years ago, I interviewed former Vice President of Student Affairs Fred Fulton, who assured me I was getting what I paid for by living in the dorms. Forgive me if I am wrong, but $700 is enough to give me some hot water, a light and a steady stream of cool air.

Arts & Entertainment

A&E News in Brief

Wild Wild Worst Movie

Smith

The 20th Annual Golden Raspberry Awards, otherwise known as the anti-Oscars were held Saturday.

They are presented to the worst films of the year. The awards are decided by film critics.

Here's the complete rundown of Razzie victims:

Worst Picture of 1999: *Wild Wild West*

Worst Actor of 1999: Adam Sandler, *Big Daddy*

Worst Actress of 1999: Heather Donahue, *The Blair Witch Project*

Worst Screen Couple of 1999: Kevin Kline & Will Smith, *Wild Wild West*

Worst Supporting Actress of 1999: Denise Richards, *The World Is Not Enough*

Worst Supporting Actor of 1999: Jar Jar Binks, *The Phantom Menace*

Worst Director of 1999: Barry Sonnenfeld, *Wild Wild West*

Worst Screenplay of 1999: *Wild Wild West*

Worst "Original" Song of 1999: *"Wild Wild West," Wild Wild West*

'N Sync 'N the Records

'N Sync

'N Sync's latest, *No Strings Attached*, became the first album to sell more than one million copies in a single day.

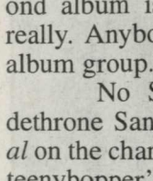
According to the group's label, Jive Records, the boy band sold nationwide to the tune of 1.1 million in first-day sales Tuesday. And with a negligible drop-off in subsequent days, label sources estimate first-week figures could triple the one-week record of 1.13 million, set last year by Backstreet's Millennium. (Millennium sold about 500,000 copies on day one.)

"We want to prove to people that we're not a flash in the pan," JC Chazes said. "The second album is about crediblity, really. Anybody can be a one-album group." Right on, JC.

No Strings, a lock to dethrone Santana's *Supernatural* on the charts next week, is the teenybopper's third album (the second if you don't count their yuletide collection, Home for Christmas) and first on Jive. The 'N Sync-ers made a lawsuit-laden jump from RCA to Jive in December, a move that made 'N Sync and BSB label mates.

Fans are anticipating a sure-to-sell-out world tour kicking off May 9 in Biloxi, Mississippi. No Strings will easily become 'N Sync's third platinum-plus album. The band's self-titled debut sold 10 million and Home for Christmas sold two million.

Not that much *Like a Virgin*



Madonna

Last week, Madonna announced she was pregnant. The director of last year's Sundance hit, "*Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels*," Guy Ritchie is the father of thenew child.

The future parents were together for a short time two years ago after meeting at a luncheon held by Sting's wife, Trudie Styler. Thet reunited last fall after a trip to London.

Since her divorce from Sean Penn in 1989, Madonna been romantically linked with Oscar winner Warren Beatty, Dennis Rodman, Sandra Bernhard, and physical trainer Carlos Leon, who fathered her first born, Lourdes, now 3.

Jazz great, Marsalis, set to play his way into NSU's heart on baby grand piano

By Karly Pierre
Sauce Reporter

Renowned jazz pianist Ellis Marsalis will perform with the NSU jazz ensemble to raise funds for a new music scholarship and awareness about Louisiana's jazz heritage.

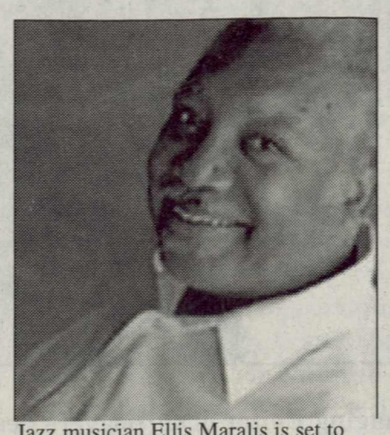
The concert will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Tickets will cost $5 for NSU students and $10 for all other guests.

The Marsalis concert was organized primarily as a joint venture between the Natchitoches Jazz and Rhythm and Blues Association and the University Department of Creative and Performing Arts.

Gillian Norwood, educational coordinator for the Natchitoches Jazz and Rhythm and Blues Foundation initially presented the idea of performing at the University to Marsalis. She said that Marsalis' standing as an internationally acclaimed jazz musician and his commitment to jazz education was what made inviting him to the University so attractive.

"Marsalis is the director of jazz studies at UNO and established there the Office of Jazz Studies," Norwood said. "When he started his Office of Jazz Studies there was no definitive book that you could get your students that would teach you jazz theory."

In addition to earning numerous honors for his music and being the father of internationally acclaimed jazz musicians, Branford, Wynton and Delfeayo Marsalis, Marsalis acted as maestro to Harry Connick Jr., Donald Harrison, Kent and Marlon Jordan, Nicholas Payton and Terence Blanchard at the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts. He appeared on the Today Show, The Mike Douglas Show, The Ed Sullivan Show, and The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson.



Jazz musician Ellis Maralis is set to entertain University students

Galindo Rodriguez, director of the NSU jazz band, said Marsalis' appearance at the University would be a uniquely entertaining and educational experience for the entire community, but especially for NSU music students.

"The entire idea of having this concert was based on improving the quality of jazz study at Northwestern and increasing or perhaps establishing some source of financial assistance for students who are interested in studying jazz, jazz history, improvisation and performance practice" Rodriguez said.

He said that in addition to performing Marsalis will also teach a master class in the Creative and Performing Arts building from 10:30 to 11:30 Friday.

Marsalis' concert will support a scholarship in his name for University jazz students.

Norwood said the scholarship will be presented by the Natchitoches Jazz and Rhythm and Blues Foundation which will allocate $1000 annually to jazz students enrolled in the University music department who wish to further study jazz, and have an interest in educating and preserving jazz music.

Rodriguez said that this scholarship would be a unique way of establishing good ties with Marsalis.

"Marsalis is highly credentialed," Rodriguez said. "He has worked in New Orleans throughout his life, he has worked with such people as Al Hirt, performed on the Tonight Show and travels primarily as a jazz educator at other universities around the country. When people say someone is a 'jazzer' they usually mean that person is not highly trained. In Mr. Marsalis' eyes an outstanding jazz musician is the best-trained performer because he must be educated in both classical and jazz venues. They can do it all."

Ben Pyatt, a member of the University jazz ensemble, said he was excited about the idea of performing with Marsalis.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to perform with someone of that caliber," Pyatt said. "I've listened to him for years. But I'm really excited that my father is going to attend the master class with Mr. Marsalis. My father plays the piano and giving him the opportunity to get advice from such an honored musician, it is just a wonderful feeling."

Norwood said Marsalis' performance will cost a little over $6000 to produce but will be worth the future possibilities.

"It is our expectation each year in conjunction with our annual Jazz and R&B festival we can bring in a noted jazz musician to provide some sort of educational program in the day and in that night have a concert in conjunction with the jazz ensemble,"Norwood said. "Hopefully this is the beginning of many things to come."Norwood said Marsalis' concert would hopefully bring more support for this weekend's festivities at the Jazz and Rhythm and Blues Festival.

SAB Coffeehouse Series continues to grow, showcase University talent

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

The University's Student Activities Board has brought in more local talent for their Coffeehouse series.

The coffeehouse series has been a variety of acts ranging from poetry, local bands and musicians, and even mystery theater. Students can listen to these acts in a coffeehouse atmosphere with coffee and pastries served free.

"I come as often as I can," said Lindsey Clark, freshman. "I enjoy it a lot. They have a lot of good groups and actors like for the mystery theater. I like that they have musical groups."

Last year was the first year for the SAB to sponsor the coffeehouse series. They began with booking a new band called Winefield. Since then, the SAB has tried to get more local talent like student bands and even faculty members. The music usually ranges from jazz to rock.

"Becky Leonard started the coffeehouse last year," said Gary Rushworth, Lagniappe chair for SAB. "I thought that they were pretty cool, so I took over organizing them. I tried to keep it going. I put up fliers at the beginning of the semester for any student or even faculty. They could contact the SAB if they wanted to perform for the coffeehouse. We've tried to make it more student-oriented."

"I like the fact that the students can come and express what's going on in their lives with poetry, song or through any way they choose," said Athena Andrews, freshman.

Another local band that has performed in Natchitoches, Black Lily, was also at the coffeehouse night on March 20 to perform.

"This is really nice because it's the only local place we can play now," said Matt Barton, Black Lily's guitarist.

"It's nice to play in an atmosphere where people are open-minded," said Jean Dubil, Black Lily's drummer. "It's nice for others to be able to appreciate our art for what it is."

Andrew Sutton is Black Lily's bass player, as well as singing lead vocals.

"There is very little venue for bands around here, so it's nice to be able to play here," Sutton said.

The SAB will have one more coffeehouse night during Spring Fling week. Anyone interested in performing for the coffeehouse can contact the SAB at 357-6511.

Natchitoches 2000 Jazz Festival

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

Coordinators for the fifth annual Natchitoches Jazz Festival promise that this year's event will be even bigger and better than those in the past.

This year's festival will feature over 15 bands performing on three stages. Events kick off Friday at 7 pm. Delbert McClinton, probably the most recognizable among this year's performers will perform the second day of the festival, Saturday the first, as 9:15 a.m.

Many activities fill the calendar of events for the two days of festivities on Front Street. The opening act will be Ellis Marcellis Friday night at the Performing Arts Center from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This will be followed by another main event, the Natchitoches Street Dance on the riverfront from 7 p.m. until the stroke of midnight. Entertainment will be provided by A.J. Casio, The Gators, and the New Orleans band Rhino.

Saturday's lineup is full, offering Jazz Fest goers the opportunity to listen to live music on three different stages. Performers for the day include NSU's own Jazz Ensemble, led by music professor Galindo Rodriguez, Louisiana Leroux, performers of the eightees hit "New Orleans Lady," Floyd Grigsby and G&G, B.B. Major, Johnny Earthquake & The Moondogs, and Delbert McClinton.

These main stage performers are well known and are expected to bring out numbers for the festival. B.B. Major is a member of the Music Hall of Fame and is easily recognizable in a new series of commercials for Folgers Coffee.

George Etheridge, coordinator of the Jazz Fest Weekend, said that many he expects large numbers this weekend. "This is some of the best music in the south in the beautiful historic district of Natchitoches," he continued, "those two elements combined should bring many people into this district over the week."

The event started in 1996 when headliner Charmine Neville entertained hundreds on the riverfront. The following years showed promise for the festival as many well-known bands would gather on the riverfront. The concerts would grow and allowed for the expansion of the festival to three stages instead of one. The festival truly grew in size as R&B great Percy Sledge performed in 1998.

Though some might have doubted NSU students participation at first, many have gone to the festival in the past and plan to be in attendance this weekend.

"It's a good opportunity for everyone in the community to us get together and have a good time," said Junior Chris Baker. "It's a very diverse crowd where you can see everybody from grandpas to grandkids having a good time," he said.

Junior Robert Deramus has attended the event since it began in 1996. He says that the diverse music is a welcomed addition to Natchitoches. "Residents hear DJs all the time hear in this area. . . the Jazz Fest is a good opportunity for everyone to get out and hear a real live band. This area needs that," he said.

Deramus added that though he was impressed with performances from 1996-1998, he hopes to see a different style than was performed at last year's event. He said in the first few years, the concert was geared more to popular R&B and a Jazz style that showed more of a rock-style.

"Last year's performances was a little disappointing because the style didn't fit what college students want to hear." Deramus said that this year's lineup seems to be more suitable and will be more pleasing to this audience.

Tickets to the Jazz festival can be purchased via telephone or at the gates. The charge for adults is five dollars on Friday and ten for Saturday. Children under 12 get in free.

Natchitoches Jazz and R&B Festival

Friday March 31
7:00
Gator's (Main Stage)

Saturday April 1
2:45
Louisiana Leroux (Main Stage)
7:00
Johnny Earthquake & The Moondogs (Main Stage)
9:15
Delbert McClinton (Main Stage)

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I had never heard of Hilary Swank before she won her Oscar. What has she done before.

Blake Vanderlick
Junior

What will Tom Cruise be doing now that he lost at the Oscars?

Jamie Ortez
Sophomore

Swank

Chances are that you have seen Hilary Swank before she won Best Lead Actress for her work in *Boys Don't Cry*, and didn't realize it.

She was the female lead in the 1994 sequal to *The Karate Kid* with Pat Morita, *The New Karate Kid*.

The Washington native also had a small, but important role on the teen soap opera *Beverly Hills 90210*. She played Carly Reynolds for just one season.

Swank also had a bit-part on the 1980's television hit show *Growing Pains*.

The 25-year-old actress is married to Chad Lowe (brother of actor Rob Lowe).

Look for the Oscar winning Swank in the upcoming film, *The Gift*.

The Gift is sceduled for release this year.

Cruise

The three time Academy Award nominee has some pretty big pictures in production.

The most flashy of these films is *Mission Impossible 2*.

This movie is the follow-up to his 1996 blockbuster smash hit *Mission Impossible*.

Also starring in the sequel will be Oscar winner Anthony Hopkins. Ving Rhames will also reprise the role that he originated.

Even though he was over-looked by the Academy voters h00e has already started his run for nest year's gold.

It has been rumored that Cruise took the lead acting role in *Minority Report* to aid in his quest for the ever ellusive Academy Award.

The new movie has been billed as a Sci-Fi action thriller with a heart.

Arts & Entertainment

A&E News in Brief

Cosby's new role- unemployed

Cosby

Bill Cosby, who helped boost CBS from a ratings also-ran to a competitive prime-time force, has announced that his Cosby won't be back for the 2000-2001 season of Cosby.

Cosby joined the network in 1995, just three years after closing shop on his mega-successful The Cosby Show, a top 10 fixture for most of the 1980s for NBC. He launched Cosby in the 1996 season.

Cosby repeatedly won its Monday time slot for three years. But the sitcom didn't do so well when it moved to Wednesday nights. Friday nights were no picnic either. An average of 16 million viewers tuned into Cosby each week in its first year, this year it was only about 9 million.

The show would also have been hampered by the absence of costar Madeline Kahn, who died of ovarian cancer in December. Phylicia Rashad, Doug E. Doug, T'Keyah Crystal Keymah also starred in the family-oriented sitcom.

The final episode of Cosby will air Friday, April 28.

The actor will continue to speak at university graduations and other paid speaking engagements.

He is expected to make many guess appearances.

Oscar night tells the world that the Academy loves an American Beauty

By Larry Collins
A&E Editor

Another year of film has come to an end and it seems like it was a pure *Beauty*.

American Beauty was the crowned jewel of the film industry this weekend as the Academy declared it the best picture of the year and bestowed numerous accolades on the DreamWorks movie.

American Beauty also walked away with awards for directing, original screenplay, and cinematography.

It was no surprise that *Beauty* walked away with the top prize, but many were shocked that Kevin Spacey won the Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading Role for his turn in the movie.

The Wall Street Journal predicted that Denzel Washington, who won a Golden Globe, would walk away with the trophy for Best Lead Actor, and not Spacey. Any other year a report of this nature from the periodical would not have shaken the Academy so much, but things were very different this time around.

The Wall Street journal polled about 300 eligible Oscar voters to determine who would have a home visit from Oscar. After the poll, much to the angering of the Academy, they published who would win based on the people that were polled.

The Journal was correct in every account, but one, the Best Lead Actor Category. This mistake lead to one of the most embarrassing moments of the night, when Washington said that he wanted and expected to win the award.

File Photo

Oscar winners include Michael Caine (left), Angelina Jolie, Hilary Swank and Kevin Spacey. They one for roles in *The Cider House Rules*, *Girl Interrupted*, *Boys Don't Cry* and *American Beauty* respectively.

Almost every other award for the night went as expected. Angelina Jolie made it a virtual clean sweep of all the major awards shows by taking home the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her role in *Girl Interrupted*. She thanked her Oscar winning father John Voight and her family for giving her the inspiration to become a learned actress. She also thanked her costar Winonna Ryder, whom many felt was unjustly overlooked for an Academy Award nod for her work in the same film.

Michael Caine walked away with his second acting trophy for his role as mentor to young orphaned boys in *The Cider House Rules*. This was definitely the hottest contested category of the night, and the award could have gone to anyone in the field of five.

Tom Cruise, Haley Joel Osment, Michael Clarke Duncan and Jude law had an equally good chance at taking the gold away from Caine.

Caine said that he is glad that the Academy changed the presentation from "the winner is..." to "the Oscar goes to...," because he believed that he wasn't the winner, but just the person that took home the Oscar.

One of the most touching (and long) speeches of the night came from the little-known actress that won her first Academy Award in the category of Best Actress in a Leading role, Hilary Swank.

Swank stood at the podium poised and proud as she thanked everyone from her parents to the Independent Film Channel. Even though she thanked every person in the industry she forgot one person in particular, her husband Chad Lowe. The camera flashed to him numerous times in the crowd as tears flowed freely down his cheeks, but still no mention of him by his award-winning wife.

The field of music crossed-over on this night that launches a million stars. There were performances including Aimee Mann, Gloria Estefan, 'N Sync, and Phil Collins. These artists performed the songs from films that were nominated for best original song from a motion picture.

Also during a special medley of recognizable movie themes Garth Brooks, Ray Charles, Faith Hill and Queen Latifa wowed the crowed with their music in true Oscar fashion.

The Matrix surprised the film industry by winning in every category that it had been nominated. Beating out the sentimental favorite, *Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace*.

The most disturbing moment of the night was when the award for Documentary Short Subject was announced. The movie *King Gimp* won and the young cerebral palsy patient that the movie was made about began convulsing and flailing all over the floor of the audience.

Even though the producers of the Academy Awards killed all dance numbers the show still went over schedule by an hour, lasting way longer than four and a half hours.

Student Activities Board Calendar

Monday, April 3

Laser Tag

In the Student Union Ballroom 11am-3pm

Coffehouse

In the Student Union Alley 8pm

Comedy Club

comedians Kerri Louise and Joe Matarese

**free coffee and pastries*

Tuesday, April 4

Photo Buttons

11am-3pm in Iberville Dining Hall

Drive-In Movie

"The Sixth Sense"

Turpin Stadium

8pm

Blood Drive
Monday-Thursday
10am-3pm
In front of the Student Union

Thursday, April 6
Toby Keith Concert
with opening acts Debbie Traylor and Hired Gun

**students get in free with NSU i.d.*
~all other tickets are $10
~tickets go on sale at 1pm
~doors open at 6pm
***concert @7pm*
in Prather Coliseum

All events are FREE to NSU Students with Current Student I.D.

Softball takes two of three from Southeastern to improve to 12-1 in SLC

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

Demon pitcher Jessica Holaway tossed a 14 strikeout gem Saturday and helped the Demon softball team take two of three from the Southeastern Louisiana Lady Lions last weekend.

Holaway's 14 strikeouts in game one gives her 102 strikeouts on the season, a mark that shatters the single-season record of 97 by Mitzi Graves in 1994 and Jennifer Owens in 1998.

Holaway struck out the first nine batters she faced and only allowed one hit in the 4-0 shutout.

The Demons started the scoring early, getting three runs off of three doubles in the first inning by Amber Welker, Shannon Straty and Linette Stuart.

Stuart would add another double in the fifth inning and score on a passed ball.

The Demons laced the Lady Lions for six hits compared to one hit for SLU, a two-out double in the fourth.

Southeastern would get revenge, however, in the second game, nailing two home runs in the sixth inning to give Lady Lions a 4-1 win.

The Demon loss was the first in 10 games and snapped a nine-game winning streak.

SLU only got four hits in the game but the Demons stranded eight runners.

Amanda Ortego picked up the loss, dropping her record to 9-6.

The loss was only the second conference loss for NSU.

The win for SLU was only their third.

Sunday's matinee matchup saw the return of Holaway, and the return of her dominance.

Holaway fanned another 10 batters, including the last four SLU batters, and shutout the Lady Lions for the second consecutive day, 2-0.

The Demons outhit the Lady Lions 8-3, including RBI singles from Jada Garcia and Shannon Straty.

Jana Strickland and Erin Mancuso scored the only runs for the Demons in the second and third innings.

SLU managed only three singles in the game and did not advance a runner past second base.

Stuart, Welker and Strickland also stole bases for the Demons in game three.

Stuart has 20 steals so far this season.

NSU will host a huge game with nationally-ranked LSU at the Demon Diamond this Wednesday at 5 p.m. in a doubleheader.

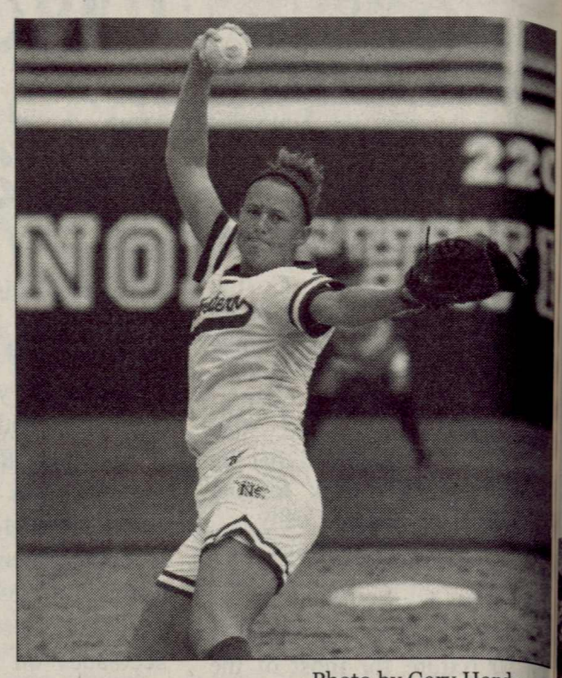

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Lady Demon pitcher Jessica Holaway tossed a 14 strikeout one-hitter against Southeastern last Friday. Holaway's win improved the Lady Demons' record to 11-1 in the SLC after the victory. The Lady Demons took two of three from the Lady Lions of Southeastern. The Lady Demons will host the Lady Tigers of LSU in a doubleheader on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

----------Boxscores----------

Baseball

Northwestern @ Texas Southern (March 22)

NSU	021	041	030 - 11	10	2
TSU	030	012	001 - 7	15	2

WP-Homann (1-0) LP-McDonald (0-1)

Northwestern vs. Southwest Texas State (March 25 DH)

Game 1

SWTS	000	000	0 - 0	5	1
NSU	030	000	X - 3	3	1

WP-Stout (5-2) LP-Williams (3-4)

Game 2

SWTS	000	000	000 - 0	5	0
NSU	020	110	10X - 5	12	1

WP-Glidewell (3-4) LP-Wade (1-1)

Northwestern vs. Southwest Texas State (March 26)

SWTS	000	310	040 - 8	11	1
NSU	000	100	000 - 1	6	3

WP-Huddleston (4-2) LP-Johnson (3-1) Save-Massengale (1)

Record

NSU 20-12, (7-5 SLC)

Softball

Northwestern @ Stephen F. Austin (March 22 DH)

Game 1

NSU	100	111	0 - 4	13	2
SFA	100	000	0 - 1	6	1

WP-Leggett (7-1) LP-Cobb (5-3)

Game 2

NSU	004	000	0 - 4	9	2
SFA	100	000	0 - 1	7	2

WP-Ortego (9-5) LP-Tollenson (8-4)

Northwestern vs. Southeastern LA (March 25 DH)

Game 1

SLU	000	000	0 - 0	1	2
NSU	300	010	X - 4	6	0

WP-Holaway (7-3) LP-Hymel (1-2)

Game 2

SLU	000	103	0 - 4	4	1
NSU	001	000	0 - 1	8	2

WP-Roussell (3-10) LP-Ortego (9-6)

Northwestern vs. Southeastern (March 26)

SLU	000	000	0 - 0	3	1
NSU	011	000	X - 2	8	2

WP-Holaway (8-3) LP-Roussell (4-11)

Record

NSU 24-10, (12-2 SLC)

Tennis

Northwestern vs. Sam Houston State (March 25)

Sam Houston 7, Northwestern 2

Singles

Lukic (NSU) d. Gamanzik 6-2, 2-6, 6-2
Mathews (NSU) d. Andrade 6-3, 3-6, 7-5
Langlois (SHS) d. Unger 7-5, 2-6, 6-2
Bassett (SHS) d. Lasuzzo 6-2, 6-2
Wooten (SHS) d. Olsen 6-3, 6-3
McElliot (SHS) d. Gordon 6-0, 6-1

Doubles

Gamanzik/Langlois (SHS) d. Mathews/Lukic 8-4
Andrade/Bassett (SHS) d. Lasuzzo/Gordon 8-4
Wooten/McElliot (SHS) d. Olsen/Unger 8-4

Record

NSU 5-8, (3-4 SLC)

'You pick 'em contest' results

Here are the results through the semifinal round of the 2000 'you pick 'em contest'. The names listed are in the top 8. The top 8 'you pickers' are as follows:

Name	1st Rnd.	2nd Rnd.	Regionals	Semisfinals	Total
1) Ron Corkern	29	11	3	0	43
2) (Three way tie)					
Larry Collins	29	7	3	1	40
Daniel Goyer	28	9	2	1	40
Joni Naquin	27	10	2	1	40
3) (Four way tie)					
Emily Wanesdorfer	29	7	2	1	39
Atari Warner	28	9	2	0	39
Garrick Vercher	27	10	1	1	39
Megan Carpenter	27	9	2	1	39

4) Three way tie

Fans, the tournament is winding down. If your name does not appear on this list, that means that you probably did not do so well. That's ok, thanks for playing.

The winner of the 2000 'you pick em' contest' will receive a large pizza and a six-pack of soda.

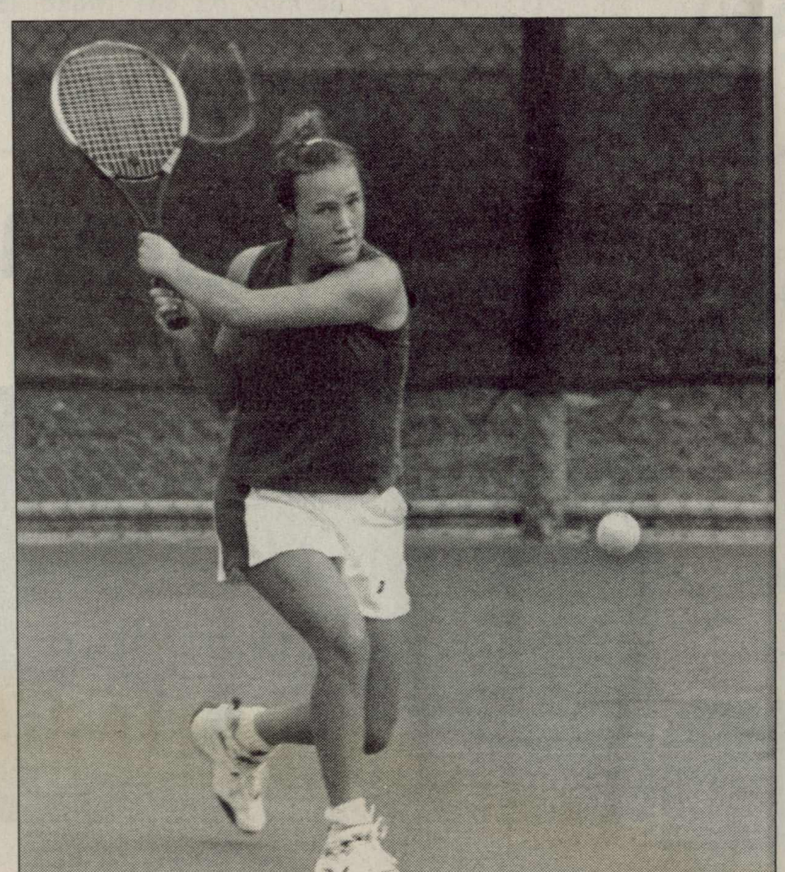

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Lady Demon sophomore Brandee LaSuzzo returns a volley from a visiting Sam Houston Lady Bearcat last Saturday as the Lady Demons fell to Sam Houston State 7-2. The Lady Demons drop to 5-8 overall and 3-4 in the SLC. The Lady Demons will host Louisiana Tech today at 3:30 p.m. They will have two more home matches on April 1st and 2nd before they begin the Southland Conference Tournament on the 14th-16th of April.

Track team wins five events at Louisiana Classic meet in Lafayette

By Sports Administration

Freshman Jacqueline Canton's 5-8 clearance in the women's high jump was among five winning performances for Northwestern State Saturday at the Louisiana Classics track and field meet.

Canton was also the top collegiate finisher in the women's triple jump, with her 39-7 1/4 leap bettered only by unattached athlete Cecelia Noel, who jumped 40-8 1/4.

In the high jump, NSU's Christin Carter finished second with a 5-6 best jump.

The high jump victory was one of four by the Lady Demons in the unscored competition.

The Northwestern men got a win in the men's javelin from sophomore Latrell Frederick, who set a personal record with a winning 214-4 throw, and picked up six second places.

The other winning marks for the Lady Demons were a 45.91 clocking in the 4x100 meter relay by the foursome of Erica Casnave, Dasha Thompson and twins Kim and Camille Pouncy; a 150-1 javelin throw by senior Regina Roe, who remained unbeaten in three competitions this season; and a 14.78 time in the 100 meter hurdles from Makele Carr.

Carr was runner up in the 400 hurdles (1:03.41).

Thompson (12.20), Kim Pouncy (12.33) and Camille Pouncy (12.46) finished 2-3-4 in the 100 meter dash for Northwestern.

The other second place by the Lady Demons came in the 4x400 relay (3:47.48).

Kendrick Turner gave the NSU men two runner-up finishes in the long jump (23-11 1/2) and the triple jump (51-3 1/2, a 2000 best).

Danny Allen threw a personal best 53-1 1/2 for second in the shot put while Hector Andujo ran second in the 5000 (15:55.08), the Demon 4x100 relay team was second (40.72) and Chad Miller gave NSU second in the 100 (10.85).

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SPRING 2000 ELECTIONS

Student Government Association

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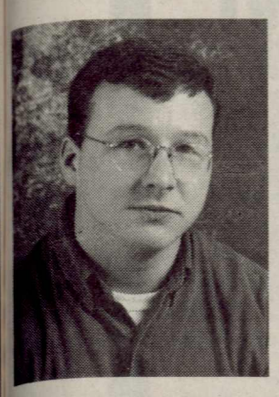
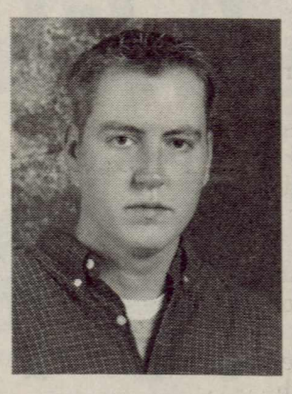


Courtney

Indeed, it's amazing how the perception of ineffective leadership, in both public and university offices, creates a strange yet formidable effect on the polls through voter participation.

Northwestern's Student Government is faced with the task of cleansing its image for both students and its membership. The primary step in this purification process is to rid the SGA of a disease common to similar organizations -- laziness.

This illness demands only one remedy, an unstoppable driving force. A force consisting of knowledgeable students, a vocal senate and strong leadership can transfer the theory of a useful central governing body into a reality.



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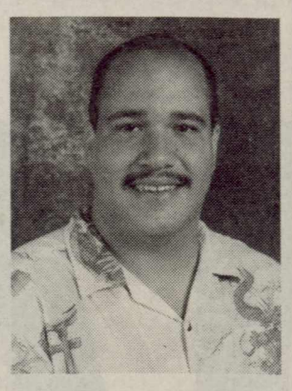


Broussard

While serving as senator-at-large for the past two years, I've listened to numerous concerns from students about issues; such as, lack of parking and substandard dormitory conditions among many others.

Due to the fact that NSU is massively under-funded by the state government, the suitable remedies to these problems are currently unattainable.

My primary intention if elected SGA president is to work with the other SGA presidents in our state in lobbying the state legislature and governor to improve our funding from where it currently stands, well less than 50 percent, to something more acceptable. We'll never be able to improve substandard conditions at our university at the current rate of funding.

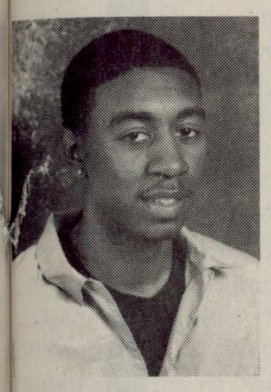
Under my direction our SGA will listen to the concerns of the student and act on them better than it ever has before. The proper administrators have to first be aware of our concerns before they can address them. I intend on serving as a strong and direct voice between the students and administrators. I look forward to representing the interests of all of Northwestern's students in the coming year.

Hughes

President and Vice President run on the ticket system. You elect both candidates running for President and Vice President this Wednesday and Thursday.

Treasurer runs separate from the Presidential race. Elections will be in the Student Union Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Treasurer



Allen

Northwestern has looked to the past for too long. It's now time for a change. Let us began making our own history.

As treasurer, I will help financially guide Northwestern State University into this millennium, and I plan to manage the funds for student benefit.

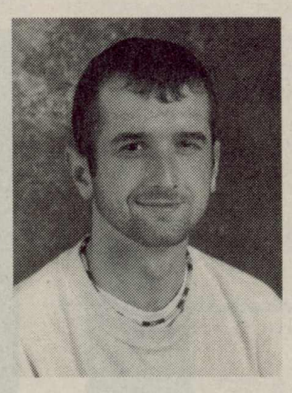
Students and students only is who I plan to represent when financial matters are placed before. Your money will have your voice. Candidate #1906.

My name is John-Michael McConnell and I would like to represent the student body as SGA Treasurer for the 2000-2001 school year.

I am an accounting major with a minor in political science. I have served as the business manager for The Current Sauce for two years and know how to work with the fiscal affairs office.

Also, for the past two years, I served as a member of the Prudential Committee for Kappa Alpha Order where we reviewed budgets for the chapter on a regular basis.

I have also served as the IFC president and assisted in creating a budget for the council.



McConnell

Applications are now being accepted for the following student media positions for the 2000-2001 school year (including 2000 summer session):

Applications can be obtained in the Department of Journalism office, room 103 Kyser Hall, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be returned to Mrs. McNeely in room 103 by 4 p.m. April 14.

Editor, *The Current Sauce* (student newspaper)
Editor, *Potpourri* (student yearbook)
Editor, Argus (student literary magazine)
General manager, KNWD (student radio station)

Potential applicants should check the 2000 Student Handbook for qualifications required before submitting an application. Questions can be answered by calling Neil Ralston at 4439.

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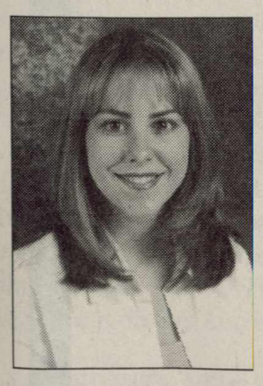

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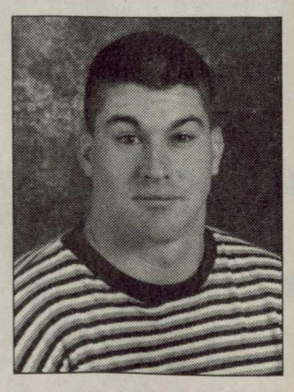

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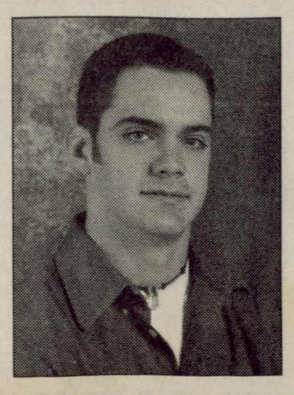

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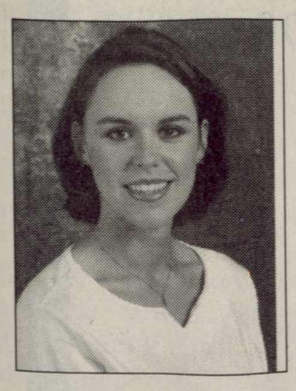

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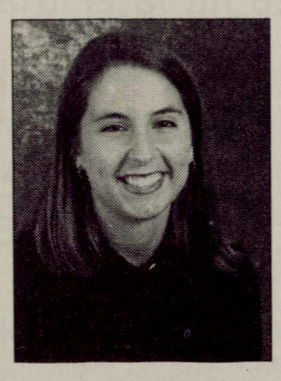

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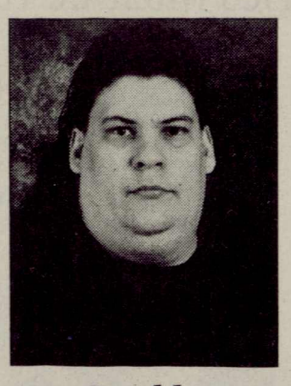

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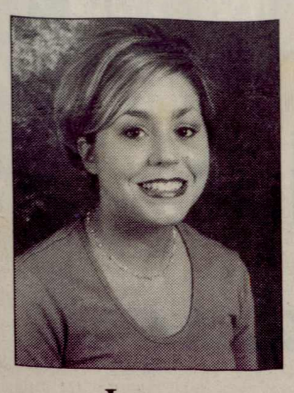

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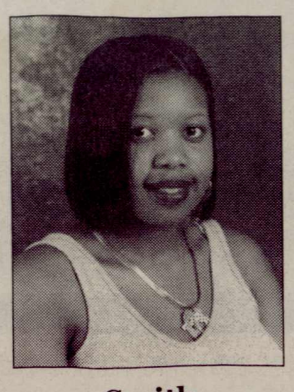

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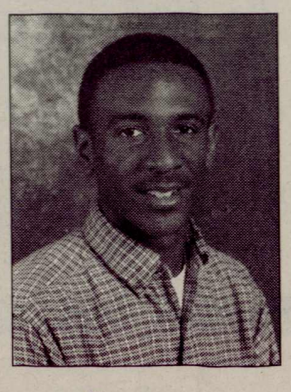

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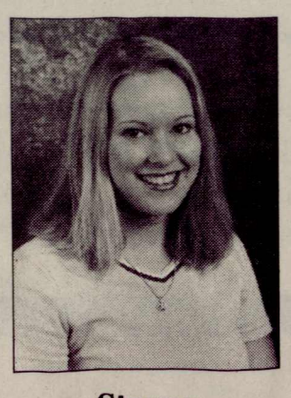

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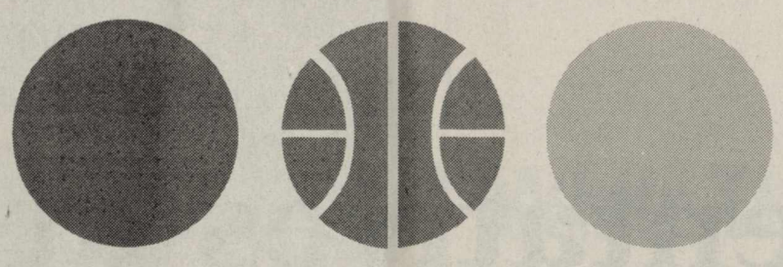

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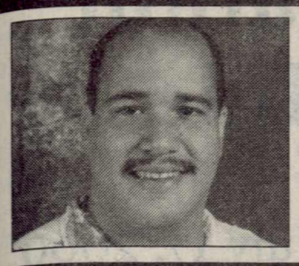

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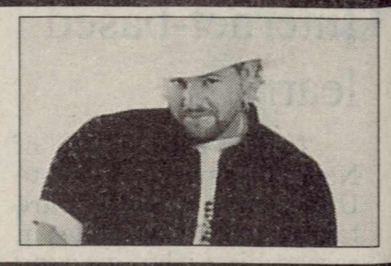

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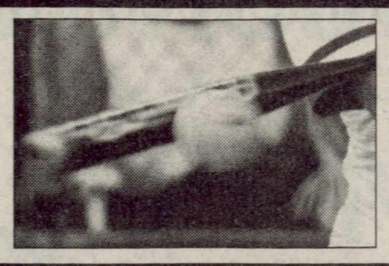

Demon softball put the bat to the ball in against UTA.
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Gunn/Broussard ticket elected to SGA

Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

Fliers, handouts, and stickers adorned the school and students as over 700 Demons came out to vote in the first Student Government presidential election in three years.

David Gunn and Rusty Broussard

"I'm very excited and looking forward to really getting some results and making some progress," Gunn said. "This is just the culmination of a goal I've had since the minute I've set foot on the campus and it feels really good that it's actually been achieved."

Gunn and Broussard were running against Justin Courtney and Jamie Hughes. Gunn says it was just meeting people and getting them to vote that helped he and Broussard win.

"We just put up as many fliers as we could, we had little placards to hand out on our platform and we handed out over 1000 of those and we just worked really hard and tried to get our message out."

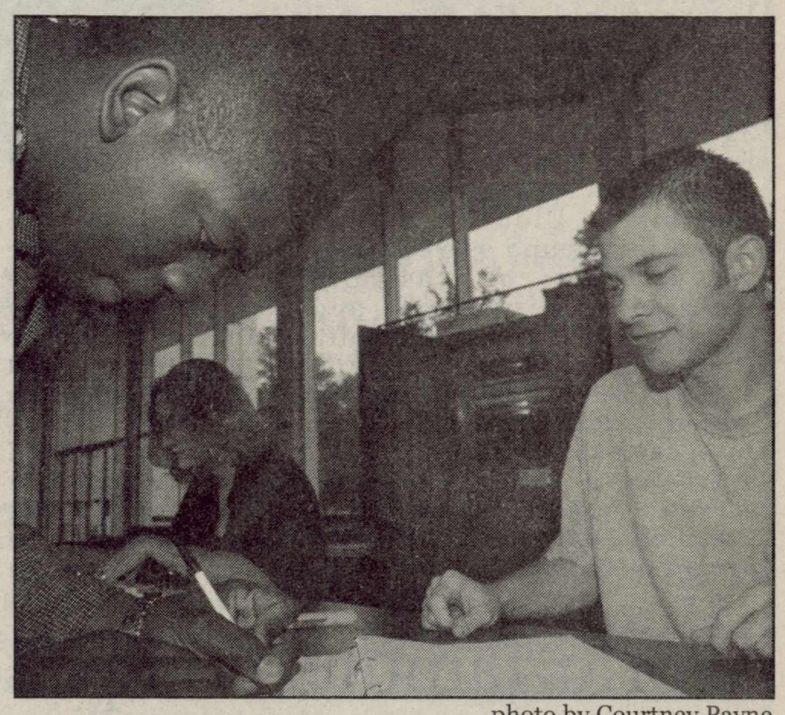
Gunn said that he wants his administration to focus on revamping the committee system, and also promoting the awareness of the SGA. He says the school should be seeing their presence almost immediately.

It was a tight race for treasurer, but John Michael McConnell pulled away a victory with 14 votes. Six new representatives –at-large were elected for the Student Activities Board. Only 13 students qualified for 15 positions for representatives-at-large on Student Government and those students are automatically selected for those positions.

Gunn, Broussard, and McConnell will be sworn in on Monday.

The new SAB representatives include; Molly Beach, Chris Choate, Misti Garrett, Heather Hebert, Jennifer Leger, and Quincy Spencer.

Along with open positions, both the SGA and SAB offered students new constitutions to approve. Both of the constitutions were overwhelmingly approved.



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Numbers stay consistent as 723 students turned out to vote last week.

University employees question animal control methods

By Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

"It could have been an accident. It didn't have to be intentional. I think this is all blown out of proportion."

Bobbie Lee
Supervisor,
Natchitoches Animal Shelter

The University recently contacted the Natchitoches Animal Shelter to resolve the growing problem of stray animals on campus. Some University employees suspect that the University is poisoning these animals.

Beth Kees, who works in Roy Hall, said that antifreeze has been used to kill the cats.

"They put antifreeze out to poison the cats that live around the building," Kees said. "I heard through the grapevine that somebody on the grounds crew or somebody was told to poison the animals."

Kees has fed the cats around Roy Hall for years.

"They got told to poison them, so they poisoned them," Kees said. "They poured antifreeze over the food I put out. They put antifreeze in the water containers that I had out for the cats."

Kees also found other dead birds.

"When I was going out front along the sidewalk, I noticed some dead birds, a red one and some others," Kees said. "They said that their droppings were rotting the roof of the building, so they just put out poison to kill them all."

Kees said that the situation could lead to other deaths.

"If a bird dies and another animal eats it, you are going to poison that animal too," Kees said. "There's no telling what could get into the antifreeze. You could just be out there walking your dog, and your dog could get into it."

Kees observed someone tampering with food she left for the cats.

"I just sat there and watched him pick up all of the food that I had just put out. He did something else under there and got into his car and left," Kees said.

Connie Wagley, another employee in Roy Hall, said that employees could get into trouble for feeding the cats.

"We had to sneak around to feed them," Wagley said. "If anyone caught you feeding them, then you would get in trouble because you're not supposed to feed the cats."

Anna Airhart, an employee of Roy Hall, and here granddaughter witnessed a cat dying while taking pictures by the azaleas near the building.

"My granddaughter was traumatized," Airhart said. "The cat was laying in the sun, mouth open, gasping for air."

"I have not seen the antifreeze," Airhart said.

The University contacted Bobbie Lee, Animal Shelter supervisor to control the stray animal problem on campus.

"We have an enormous problem with stray cats on campus," Lee said. "It's not only around Roy Hall."

Lee said that about 15 skunks and 30 to 35 cats were removed in the last six months.

"It's a health hazard," Lee said. "If we ever have an epidemic, it would start with cats."

As of yet no cases of rabies have been found Lee said, although, in the spring, a student was bitten by a cat outside of Roy Hall.

In addition, Lee said that stray animals cause problems with fleas and fesses.

Lee doubted the possibility that antifreeze was used by anyone to kill cats.

"I really don't think that this is being done," Lee said. "Antifreeze could leak out of a vehicle. You can see antifreeze all over the place."

Lee said that the one dead cat that was discovered appeared to have choked on a chicken bone.

"It could have been an accident. It didn't have to be intentional," Lee said. "I think this is all blown out of proportion. If they had left the traps alone, this would all be over with."

Lee said that someone has been tampering with

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photo by NSU Photography
Jazz legend Ellis Marsalis, performed for Natchitoches and Northwestern fans last week. Marsalis was a scheduled performer at the University in conjunction with the Natchitoches Jazz Festival. Marsalis currently directs the University of New Orleans Jazz Studies Program.

Second crowning for Miss LOB

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

After much controversy Sabrina Plaisance was finally crowned Miss Lady of the Bracelet 2000 at a ceremony last Tuesday in the home of University President Randall J. Webb.

The Student Activities Board decided to make a special ceremony to honor Sabrina Plaisance, the new Miss LOB.

Plaisance missed the initial ceremony for Miss LOB due to an error in scoring. Plaisance received first runner-up and Amber Rhyne was crowned as Miss LOB 2000. When the error was found, Rhyne was made Miss Northwestern and Plaisance was named Miss LOB 2000.

The error was the result of a mistake in scoring. The accounting firm of Hines Jackson and Hines found the mistake in a final review of the scores. This is the first mistake the firm has made in the twenty plus years it has tabulated the scores for Miss LOB.

Plaisance

Webb welcomed members of the administration and SAB to the coronation ceremony and expressed his pride in Plaisance and in the University for having five students participating in the Miss Louisiana pageant.

Miss LOB 1999, Shelley Colvin, officially crowned Plaisance at the ceremony.

"I'm very excited that Sabrina will be representing us at the Miss Louisiana pageant," said Sarah Griffith, the new SAB president. "I believe she'll do a good job representing NSU and I wish her and the other girls the best of luck."

"I would like to thank President and Mrs. Webb for doing this special ceremony for me," Plaisance said. "They didn't have to do this for me. They couldn't have been more gracious to me. I'm really looking forward to the Miss Louisiana pageant. I'm already getting prepared for it. I'm looking forward to it and having fun. I also want to thank the SAB and Sarah [Griffith], Susanna [Deshotel] and Mr. Henry for working with me on this."

News in Brief

KNWD to sponsor DemonFest 2000

Northwestern State University's student radio station, KNWD, The Demon 91.7 FM, is looking for sponsors and bands for DemonFest 2000, an all-day charity concert tentatively set for April 29.

The radio station will host the free outdoor concert consisting of acts from throughout Louisiana. The event will be a charity function, with proceeds benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or donating money toward the event or any band interested in playing during DemonFest should call Manny Pierce, Raymond Williams, Richard Penny or Josh Clarkson at (318) 357-4180.

ANNUAL TEACHER JOB FAIR TO BE HELD

Northwestern will host its annual Teacher Job Fair Tuesday, April 11 in Prather Coliseum. The job fair is sponsored by the Office of Career Planning and Placement.

The Job Fair begins at 9 a.m. Interviews are by appointment only and will be held from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Thirty-eight school districts from throughout Louisiana and 29 out-of-state districts will be represented by personnel directors or administrators. During the job fair, school systems have an opportunity to interview candidates for prospective teaching positions while students can discuss positions with several school systems on the same day.

EARLY REGISTRATION TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY

Early registration for the summer and fall 2000 semesters at Northwestern State University will begin Wednesday, April 5, according to Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell.

Telephone and web registration for the first three days is based on classification. Graduate students and seniors can register beginning April 5, followed by juniors on April 6 and sophomores on April 7.

Departmental registration will be held April 10-14. New, re-entry and transfer students with less than 30 hours academic credit may not register by telephone or the Internet. Those students must go to their major department and meet with an advisor before registering. For more information, contact the Registrar's Office at (318) 357-6171.

News

Kiwanis international president will speak at commencement exercises

Nettles Brown of Natchitoches will be the commencement speaker at Northwestern State University's Spring Commencement Exercises Friday, May 5.

Brown, a Northwestern graduate, is president of Kiwanis International. He was elected president of Kiwanis International last June. Brown is a 32-year member of Kiwanis, is past president of the Kiwanis Club of Natchitoches and served as governor of the Louisiana - Mississippi - West Tennessee District in 1989-90.

In 1993, Brown joined the Kiwanis International Board as a trustee and has also served as vice-president, treasurer and president-elect. He holds Life Member Status in Kiwanis International and is a certified trainer in the Kiwanis leadership development program. Brown is a Life Fellow of the Kiwanis International Foundation, a George F. Hixson Fellow, a Tablet of Honor recipient and a charter member of the 21st Century Heritage Society.

Brown is a chartered financial consultant and a chartered life underwriter. He is also a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and a former admissions officer for the U.S. Air Force Academy and Reserve Officers Training Corps.

In 1963, Brown received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Northwestern. He earned a Master's in Business Administration in 1970.

Along with his involvement in Kiwanis, Brown has served in a variety of civic and philanthropic positions. He is treasurer of the Natchitoches - Northwestern Symphony Society. Brown has also been a member of the Natchitoches Parish School Board, chairman of fundraising drives for scouting and the American Cancer Society. He has also served on the board of the Natchitoches Arts Council and is active on the Natchitoches Mental Health Clinic advisory board.

Brown and his wife Glenelle are the parents of a son and daughter and have two grandsons.

Faculty taking active role in Internet-based learning

Two members of Northwestern State University faculty are taking an active role in researching the growing fields of Internet-based learning or electronic learning.

Dr. Lissa Pollacia and Dr. Richard Tarver, faculty members in the College of Business, have presented papers and participated in several recent national and international conferences in the field.

Pollacia and Tarver presented "Course Portfolio: A Tool for Online Teaching" at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) International Conference in San Diego recently. SITE is a society of the Association for Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).

World famous composer to play at University

Pianist and composer Andrzej Dutkiewicz will present works by Chopin, Szymanowski and Dutkiewicz in a concert at Northwestern State University Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

Admission is free and open to the public. The concert is sponsored by the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts at NSU.

Dutkiewicz is chairman of the keyboard area at the Frederic Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, Poland. Currently, he is working to establish a branch of the Academy of Music in Tae-Gu, South Korea. Dutkiewicz received his training at the Academy of Music and completed his master's and doctorate degrees in piano as well as composition from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., as a Fulbright Scholar.

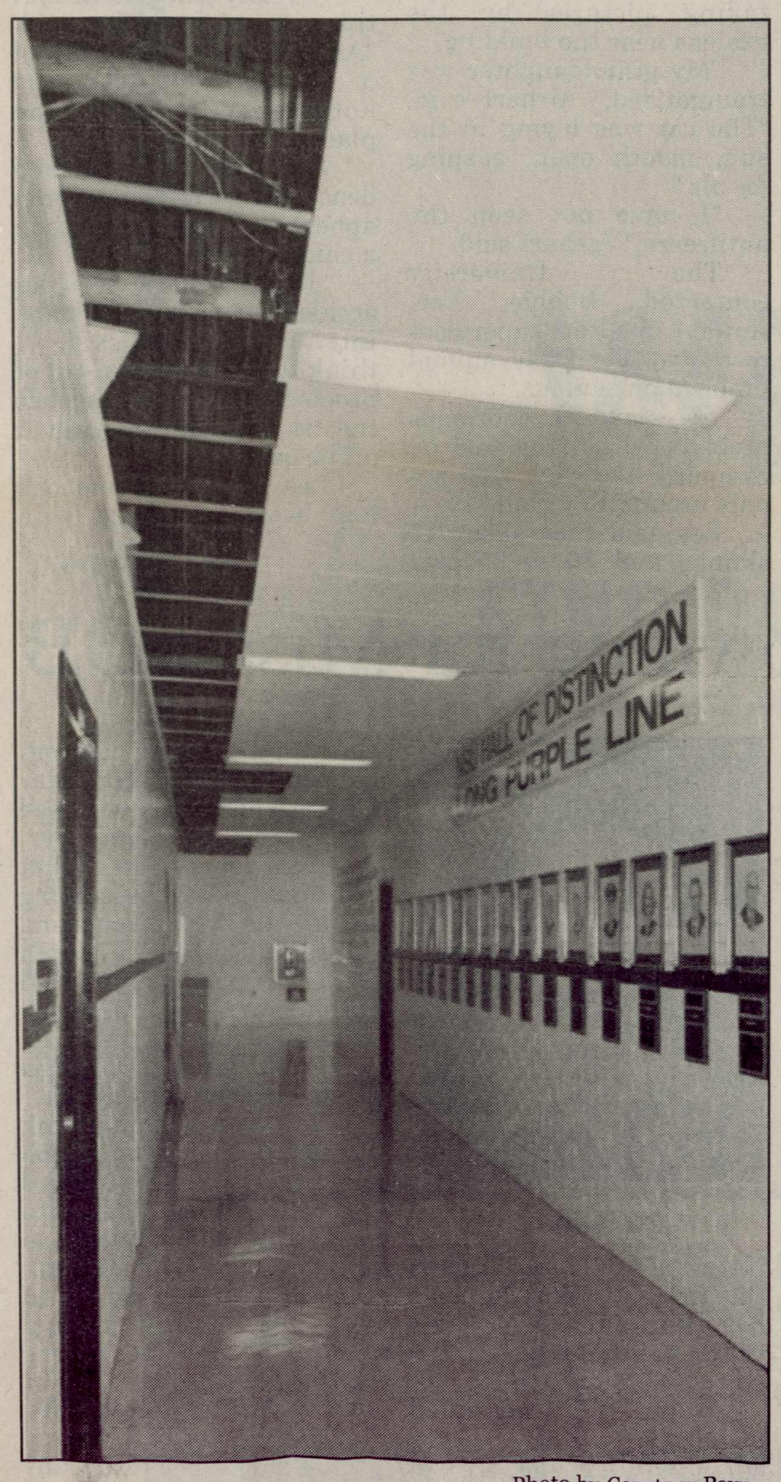
Dutkiewicz will be assisted by performances of pianist Christine Burczyk Allen, cellist Ruth Drummond, violinist Daniel Santileces and the Northwestern Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Burt Allen. Drummond is a member of the Shreveport Symphony. Santileces is also a member of the Shreveport Symphony as well as a member of the string faculty at Northwestern.

The Chamber Choir will be performing the American premiere of Dutkiewicz's unaccompanied choral composition "Hymnus."

From April 1-10, Dutkiewicz will be on campus to work with Northwestern piano students. His trip was paid for with funds provided by the Magale Endowed Professorship at NSU. Christine Burczyk Allen holds the professorship during the 1999 - 2000 academic year.

Dutkiewicz has served on the faculty of the Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan for 25 years and has also served as adjudicator for many competitions including the 1999 Gina Bachauer International Competition in Salt Lake City. He has received national acclaim both as pianist and composer and his compositions have received numerous awards and are published in Germany, Poland and the United States.

Dutkiewicz has appeared in numerous symposia and master classes, especially those focusing on the interpretation of 20th century music such as the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra Blossom Festival, the American Franz Liszt Society and at more than 50 American universities and at the Interlochen Arts Camp. He has six professional recordings.



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The Student Union recently underwent upgrades to the phone and data lines. The upgrades, supported by the Student Technology Fees, make the Union ready for fiber optics and cost close to $50,000.

Campus Connections

Aerobics Classes

Monday - Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. with Tasha Preylo.
Tuesday - Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Kristy McDaniel.
Come by the IM for details.

Demon Football Player Auction

There will be an auction in the Alley to benefit the NSU football program and the Boys and Girls Club on April 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Call 357-5252 for more information.

Delta Upsilon

Interest meeting for men wishing to start a new fraternity. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union this Wednesday.

Baptist Campus Ministries

Baptist Campus Ministries located across from the University offers lunch every Thursday from 11 to 12:30 for NSU students for $1.

Club Soccer

NSU Men's Club Soccer team is looking for people who are interested in playing in the spring semester. No previous experience is necessary. We welcome everyone. Practices are held behind Watson Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:45 p.m., and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Coach Jim Kilcoyne 352-5888, or Cesar Isaitt 354-6483. Come out and play.

KNWD

If anyone is interested in being a DJ it's not too late to sign up. If interested, stop by the station and talk to Manny or Josh.

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the journalism conference room

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will meet Mondays at 4 p.m. in room 333 and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in room 427.

Advanced Registration Schedule

April 5, 2000 - July 17, 2000
Summer classes must be registered for by May 12, 2000

Telephone and Internet registration open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Wednesday, April 5
Graduate Students
Seniors (92+ Earned Hours)

Thursday, April 6
Juniors (60-91 Earned Hours)

Friday, April 7
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Applications are now being accepted for the following student media positions for the 2000-2001 school year (including 2000 summer session):

Applications can be obtained in the Department of Journalism office, room 103 Kyser Hall, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be returned to Mrs. McNeely in room 103 by

Editor, *The Current Sauce* (student newspaper)
Editor, *Potpourri* (student yearbook)
Editor, Argus (student literary magazine)
General manager, KNWD (student radio station)

4 p.m. April 14.

Potential applicants should check the 2000 Student Handbook for qualifications required before submitting an application. Questions can be answered by calling Neil Ralston at 4439.

CATS: Some believe animals are poisoned

traps set to capture the cats, which is a violation of a city ordinance.

"It shall be a violation of this ordinance for the owner or any other person to hinder, obstruct, or attempt to obstruct in any manner, or to refuse to permit the Animal Control Officer or his representative when said person is acting in his official capacity from picking up for impounding purposes any dog not wearing the current official vaccination and license tags or running loose or suspected of having rabies or any other infectious or communicable disease, or any other animal which has attacked or bitten any person, or killed another animal, whether said animal may be running at large or enclosed on the owner's premises," states city ordinance 21 of 1976.

According to the ordinance, violators will be fined up to $100, 90 days in jail, or both.

City Ordinance 59 of 1998 established the regulations regarding cruelty to animals.

"Cruelty to animals is the intentional or criminally negligent mistreatment of any animal by any act or omission whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death us caused to be permitted upon said animal," states the ordinance.

"Whoever commits the crime of cruelty to an animal shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars ($200.00) or imprisoned more than ninety (90) days or both."

An earlier ordinance states the authority of an animal control officer to trap animals.

"This section shall not prohibit the animal control officer, or a proper state official, or any person, acting with the approval and under the direction and supervision of the animal control officer from undertaking humane trapping of quadrupeds and birds for pest control or public welfare or safety purposes," states ordinance 4 of 1986

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Yankowski work selected for state exhibit

Two mixed media sculptures by Northwestern State University Professor of Art Michael Yankowski were selected for the 13th Annual Exhibition of Animals in Art sponsored by the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine.

One sculpture, "King Fisher Vignette," is made of cypress and jelutong wood. It contains a kingfisher bird and several carved fish. It was inspired by life on Cane River.

The second sculpture, "Circumstantial Evidence," depicts the shadow of a cat which apparently ate a canary. This piece was given both a Judges Award and a People's Choice Award.

David Lusk of Ledbetter Lusk Galleries of Memphis was the Juror and Judge. The exhibition will be on display at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Library until April 14.

Yankowski was the recipient of a year 2000 Visual Arts Fellowship from the Louisiana Division of the Arts.

Folk Festival included in project

The Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival has been selected for inclusion in the Library of Congress' Bicentennial Celebration: Local Legacies Project.

The Local Legacies Project is designed to document and to pay tribute to the nation's rich cultural heritage. The Library of Congress fosters community projects to ensure that future generations will have access to important cultural "snapshots" of American tradition, folklore, and everyday life.

The American Folklife Center received images from each congressional district.

The Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival was chosen from the Fourth Congressional District.

"This is quite an honor for the Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival to be included in this project," said Dr. Lisa Abney, director of the Louisiana Folklife Center. "This provides the festival with national exposure. This recognition also says a great deal about our folk artists, who are vital to the success of the festival."

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Lisa Abney
Director,
Louisiana Folklife Center

Materials sent to the Project included an audiotape of the 1999 Friday night music performance, 30 photographic images of material culture and musical artists, a copy of Creole heritage document, "We know Who We Are," and copies of several past Festival programs and posters. Abney assembled the collection.

The Local Legacies program will be celebrated during a special event at the Library of Congress in Washington in May. The materials will then be added to the Library of Congress Collections and will be made available on the World Wide Web.

According to Abney, the Folk Festival was selected because of its 21-year commitment to the documentation and preservation of folk traditions in Louisiana. The Festival was first held in 1980 and features folk artists who are encouraged to demonstrate and to exhibit their traditions. The Festival is dedicated to the presentation of these artists in their own cultural context. Educational exhibits often accompany the presentation of folk artists.

Each year the Festival steering committee selects a theme that is developed through music, material culture, dance, narrative, and foodways during the Festival. This year's Festival theme is "Folk Tradition in the New Millennium."

The Festival is scheduled for July 21-22 in air-conditioned Prather Coliseum on Northwestern's Natchitoches Campus. The event has been designated twice as one of the Top Twenty Events in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourist Commission.

For more information call (318) 357-4332.

Hungry?

If so, stop by Kyser Hall Wednesday morning at a bake sale sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

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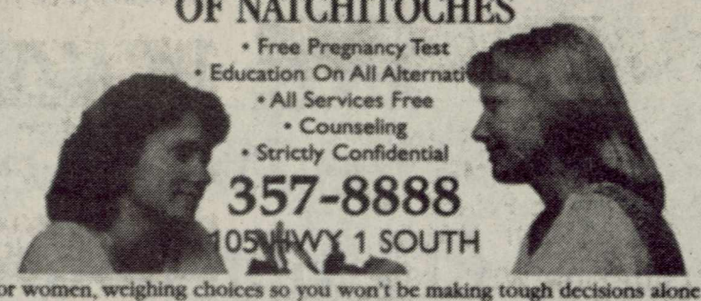

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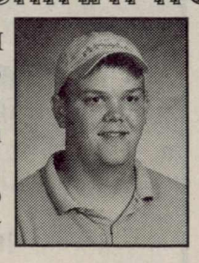
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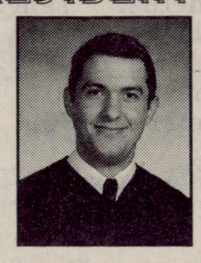
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Student Activities Board Calendar

Spring Fling 2000

Blood Drive
Monday-Thursday
10am-3pm
In front of the Student Union

Tuesday, April 4
Photo Buttons
11am-3pm in Iberville Dining Hall
Drive-In Movie
"The Sixth Sense"
Prather Coliseum
8pm

Thursday, April 6
Toby Keith Concert
with opening acts Debbie Traylor and Hired Gun

students get in free with NSU i.d.
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~doors open at 6pm
****concert @7pm in Prather Coliseum***

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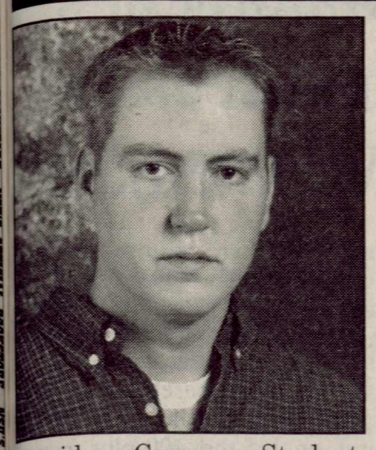
FEATURES

GUNN'S FIRED UP



David Gunn, Student Government Association president-elect has served on the SGA as head of student affairs committee, senator - at-large and senate chair.

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

He's ready, aimed, and fired up about his newly elected position.

David Gunn, Student Government Association president elect, fought hard for the position. He and his running mate, Rusty Broussard, entered the dorm rooms and classrooms last week, fighting for votes. During the two days of the election, the candidates stood by the Student Union, urging students to vote.

Their fierce campaigning paid off. Gunn said he believes his victory is a result of their campaigning to a broad selection of students.

"We worked very hard to try to appeal to a large base of students," Gunn said.

Gunn and Broussard also attempted to include previously forgotten student groups in their campaign, such as non-traditional students.

"They [non-traditional students} seemed to respond well," Gunn said. "Many of them said they had not planned on voting, but decided to because someone took the time to talk to them."

Now that the campaigning is over, Gunn is ready to get settled and take charge in his new role.

The newly elected officers have several ambitious goals for the upcoming semester. Gunn's main goal is to pursue more funding for Northwestern on a state level. He feels using the Council of Student Body Presidents, a national organization, will be useful in acquiring this goal. Gunn is looking forward to approaching COSBP and the state legislature with his ideas.

"That will be my biggest and toughest challenge, but that's the one I'm really the most excited about," Gunn said.

Northwestern is at the bottom of the funding list, Gunn said. He believes this does nothing to promote the image of Northwestern.

"When you're just trying to keep your head above water," Gunn asked, "How are you ever going to be progressive?"

The newly elected president said he understands the changes will take time, but that they are something that must happen for the school to progress.

"When you're trying to keep your head above water, how can you ever be progressive?" Gunn asked.

Gunn also plans to continue promoting a Student Life Committee, an idea he and Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, created last year.

The committee will unite most of the aspect of student life in one meeting, including housing, financial aid, on-campus dining services and the bookstore. Students, including non-SGA members, can sit on the committee. Gunn hopes to give the committee voting power, although he said nothing can go into effect without the help of the administration.

"The decisions that the committees would reach would only be as binding as the administration allows," Gunn said.

Another of Gunn's goals, the progress of the new IM Building is important to Gunn and Broussard because of the student's involvement with the planning procedures. Gunn plans to encourage all students to become involved throughout the building process because all students pay the $75 IM fee.

"Not everyone may agree with it, but the moral is this - it's here," Gunn said. "Whether you like it or not, we're going to continue paying $75 for it."

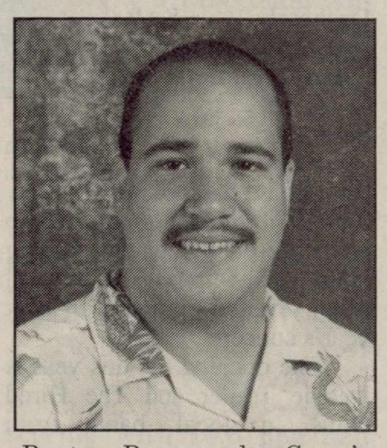
Gunn continued that although he will not see the finished product, he still strongly supports the new IM.

"It's something that we have total oversight over," Gunn said. "We can dictate what goes where."

Newly elected vice president Rusty Broussard is a Louisiana Scholar's College student and has served on SGA several committees, including the former head of External Affairs. As head of the committee, Broussard initiated several new projects, including the Scan-Tron Giveaway and the SGA Radio Show, which aired one day a week and featured SGA members.

Broussard said, although he has already begun thinking about ways to improve the SGA next year, including new election procedures and more organized SGA committees.

"I am going to start organizing the fall elections this summer," Broussard said. "I want to clean up the committees. It needs to be done so it can be in place for the summer and next semester."



Rusty Broussard, Gunn's running mate, was co-Senator of the Year with Gunn last year.

My Side

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

At this university, there are a few people that we, students, often overlook in our hectic rush to class, or more believable, to the cafeteria.

One day last semester, a student brought one of these invisible, but necessary people to my attention. And since then, I have become even more aware of the existence of these types of people.

The student who approached me last semester recommended that I write an article about a typical college janitor's day.

Over the next few weeks, I became more aware of the crap (no pun intended) these people deal with on a day-to-day basis.

I remember my former resident assistant telling me about the disgusting things my hallmates would leave in the bathroom - then I realized someone had to clean up that mess, and it wasn't my resident assistant.

I also remember going into a bathroom on campus one day, and being shocked by the things left in the bathroom stalls. Again, I realized someone had to dispose of the mess and make the place presentable again. And, it wasn't me.

These people are our college "mommies", and most students don't give them a second thought as they throw paper towels on the floor, write obscenities on the stall walls or leave trash in classrooms.

Despite my previous complaints against Aramark's employees, a few (a very *small* few) actually seem to care about making my experience at Vic's a positive one.

And, this is not a part of their job. As anyone can easily tell, smiles do not go hand-in-hand with Aramark employees.

But, students often overlook the few smiles bestowed on them in haste to make it to the cliquey table in time to hear about Janey's new dress.

My dorm, considered the nicest on campus, has not always had the greatest resident assistants. In fact, many of my former resident assistants are probably either in jail for theft or in an insane asylum for listening to my consistent complaints.

This semester, however, the powers that be have decided to pity me in my final semester, and have bestowed upon me everyone's idea of the perfect resident assistant. She, unlike my former RA's, has attempted to make dorm life dissimilar with prison life.

Not to sound like a momma, but saying "please" or "thank you" every once in a while never killed anyone.

POTPOURRI: A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

Sauce Staff

How many times have you gone back through your high school yearbook, reminiscing about the old days?

In a few weeks, students will be able to go back through their past year at Northwestern with the 1999-2000 edition of *The Potpourri*.

The book's theme, "Through the Hands of Time" will bring students on a trip through, not only their own past year at the University, but also the entire University's' past hundred years.

The yearbook staff began the production of the 2000 yearbook last summer by compiling story ideas, photographs and art. Then, the staff had to decide the order of the book, and designate pages for each section.

Throughout the entire process of creating the yearbook, editor Melissa Robertson and her staff also had to gather information from old yearbooks, Northwestern alumni and historical records.

Robertson said the alumni were enthusiastic about helping the staff with the yearbook.

"Most of them were eager to help us, because they have so much pride in their alma mater," Robertson said. "They felt that no question was too personal, and helped us a great deal in expressing what Northwestern used to be like to today's students."

Robertson's staff decided to put the $20 yearbook fee from each full-time student to use this year by having two full color sections, one spot color section and a mini-magazine that detailed the University's history.

"The editor saved a lot of money last year, so I decided to go to the other extreme and put together the most elaborate yearbook I could," Robertson said.

Robertson believes the success of a yearbook is due to the entire staff, not just one person. The assistant editor, Josh Beavers, agreed.

"The yearbook is a total group effort," Beavers said. "One person can not survive without the help of the other staff members."

One of Beavers duties was to complete the final deadline of the yearbook without the aid of the editor. This is a tradition designed to introduce potential editors to the hectic rush of deadlines.

Another important position on the staff is that of section editor. This year, Robertson decided to have one editor, called an associate editor who handled the non-athletic sections, and one sports editor. She felt this improved the quality of the yearbook.

"It's really hard for one or two people to do all of the work," Robertson said. "When the book goes through several hands, you get different views, more errors are caught, and the book is a better quality."

This past year's associate editor, physics major Earl Gates, brought a new light to the face of the yearbook through his own background.

"It helps having people who are not journalism majors," Robertson said. "Since this book is for the entire student body, I wanted to try to appeal to everyone. That meant getting a larger range of students for the staff."

Robertson and Beavers added another new staff position this year, hiring researchers, who did the bulk of the background work for the book.

The researchers spent several nights digging through old yearbooks and *Current Sauce* issues and working with the Watson Library archive department to find pictures of the University dating back to the late 1800s.

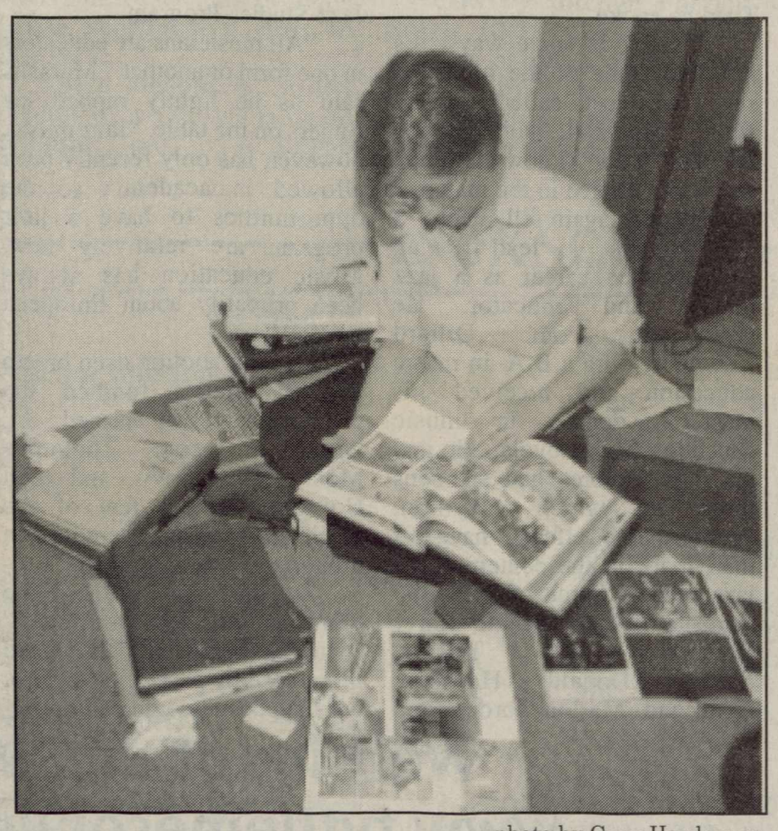


photo by Gary Hardamon
1999-2000 *Potpourri* editor-in-chief views old yearbooks, looking for pictures related to this year's theme, "Through the Hands of Time." The yearbooks will be available in a few weeks.

Although the editors are trained in design, writing and editing, it takes the talents of layout editors to give the book an image that corresponds with the theme.

Alan Pasche, senior art major, worked on the non-athletic sections of the book, tying in new stories with old traditions.

Filings are open for all student media positions. Several qualifications must be met to apply.

Students applying for editor of the Potpourri should have previous knowledge of layout and design techniques as well as experience with print media. Although all persons applying for editor must complete an application and an interview positions for writers, photographers, section editors, copy editors and designers are also available. These positions are often available throughout the year, at the request of the editor.

For further information, contact the journalism department at 357-4425, the *Potpourri* office at 357-6680 or come by Room 225 Kyser.

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A&E News in Brief

Priestly's new zip code

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Jason Priestly, best known for his role as "Brandon Walsh" in *Beverly Hills 90210*, was sentenced to five days jail time in a Los Angeles County jail last

Tuesday, after pleading no contest to drunken driving charges in an attempt to avoid felony charges.

On Dec. 3 of last year, the 30-year-old actor crashed his Porsche into a parked car and power pole in the Hollywood Hills district. His passenger, Chad Cooke, suffered a broken arm from the crash.

Priestly initially claimed the crash was a result of trying to swerve the car instead of hitting a deer. Police filed felony charges after a blood-alcohol test showed him topping California's legal limit of 0.08 percent. Peter Knecht, Priestly's lawyer, says the level was actually 0.12 percent.

The results of *Gettin' Jiggy Wit' it.*

Pinkett

So this is what happens when you *get jiggy wit' it.*

Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith are expecting their latest coproduction this fall, the couple's publicist confirmed Thursday.

The celeb twosome broke the news at the Oscars Sunday, telling friends the sequel to first child Jaden Christopher Syre Smith (born in July 1998) is due around Thanksgiving.

Smith, 31, married Pinkett, 28, on New Year's Eve 1997. They met in 1990 when she auditioned for the role of his girlfriend on the *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*. Seems at five feet tall, Pinkett was deemed a bit undersized for the lanky six-foot-two Smith, but Smith had other ideas. The two got romantic shortly after Smith's first marriage to Sheree Zampino ended in 1995.

Men in Black megastar Smith has a 7-year-old son, Willard Smith III (Trey), from his previous marriage.

More of that Millionaire show

Duchovny

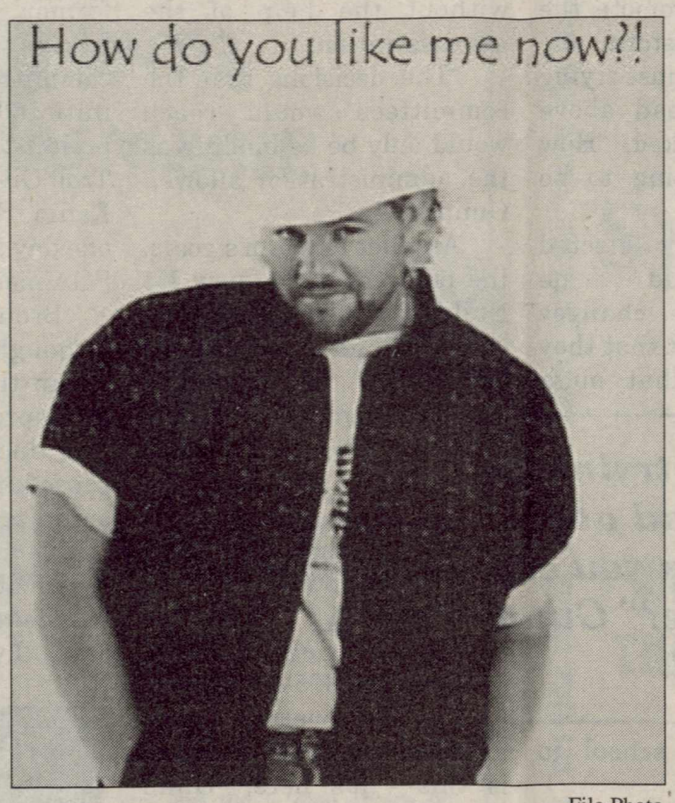
Celebrity brains from David Duchovny to singer Vanessa Williams have signed up to test their smarts—or thoroughly embarrass themselves by choking—on an upcoming celeb edition of ABC's *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*.

After recruiting quiz-show addict (and queen of all things trivial) Rosie O'Donnell, ABC confirmed five more stars for its shows, set to air during May sweeps. Williams, *X-Files* G-man Duchovny, former *Saturday Night Live* funny-guy Dana Carvey and CBS sitcom star Ray Romano have agreed to take the hot seat for *Millionaire*, and donate their winnings to charity.

While Duchovny once lost on *Celebrity Jeopardy*!, he's still got egghead credentials: a Bachelor's in English from Princeton University and a Master's from Yale University.

Finally, Toby Keith comes to NSU for Spring Fling 2000

By: Josh Green
Sauce Reporter



File Photo
Toby Keith is set to "rock" Northwestern State University April 6 at the Student Activities Board's annual Spring Fling Concert.

As Spring Fling week kicked off yesterday, the Student Activities Board was hard at work putting the finishing touches on the Toby Keith Concert that's set to take place on Thursday.

Large numbers of attendees from on campus and the community both are expected to fill Prather Coliseum Thursday evening. "We've had a lot of tickets requested," said Suzanna Deshotel, SAB Activities Director. "Many more are expected to be purchased by Thursday."

The Board is looking forward to making many sells to attendees of the concert coming from off-campus, which will bring revenue to spend on next year's concert.

The opening act this year is Debbie Trailer and The Hired Guns, a local band from Alexandria.

The band plays a country-rock format and came recommended by the agent that the SAB went through to get Keith. Deshotel said that Trailer and The Guns plan to play some cover songs, ones performed by other bands, and songs originally written by their own group.

It seems that, though much controversy has arisen in the past few months about bringing a country music singer to the University, Keith will pull in a large and diverse crowd on Thursday.

Deshotel said that the SAB was set on a country music performer long before talks with Keith began. The SAB considered many other well-known country music performers including Mark Chesnut, Brad Pasley, and Tracy Lawrence.

Many around the Natchitoches area say they are very pleased that the University's SAB could get a large name in the music business like Keith.

As the Sauce reporter last month, Keith, who is a native of Clinton, Oklahoma, has had six No. 1 hits. He has had four albums reach gold status and one to go platinum. His first hit, "*Should've Been a Cowboy,*" made him a household name. Many other of songs with his "distinct Keith sound" followed.

Those including smash hits like "*A Little Less Talk*", "*Wish I Didn't Know Now*", "*Blue Moon*", "*Dream Walkin'*", and "*Getcha Some*". His latest album including the hit, "*How Do You Like Me Now*" reached No. 9 on the Country Billboard chart last week.

A name like Keith's does not come without a hefty price tag. A final decision was made and the SAB agreed to pay a total of $25,000 for Keith.

As far as Keith's activities when he arrives at the University: the SAB Office says that Keith will be entertained. "Toby Keith is very easy to work with," Deshotel said.

"His only requests so far are to lower some basketball goals so he and his crew can play in Prather and to have some fruit prepared in his dressing room," she explained.

The SAB Office has been in contact with Keith's Press Agent to see if a fan autograph session would be possible. With Keith traveling from New Orleans, where he will play at the House of Blues previous to traveling to Natchitoches, he should arrive Thursday afternoon.

Tickets go on sale tomorrow at Prather Coliseum. University students receive one ticket a piece with the showing of their NSU ID. Those non-students planning to attend the concert should expect to pay the ten-dollar charge per ticket.

Sports entertainment's biggest night successful for WWF's Wrestlemania

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The 16th installation of WrestleMania, the "Super Bowl" of the sports entertainment business, entered the new millennium last night in grand style.

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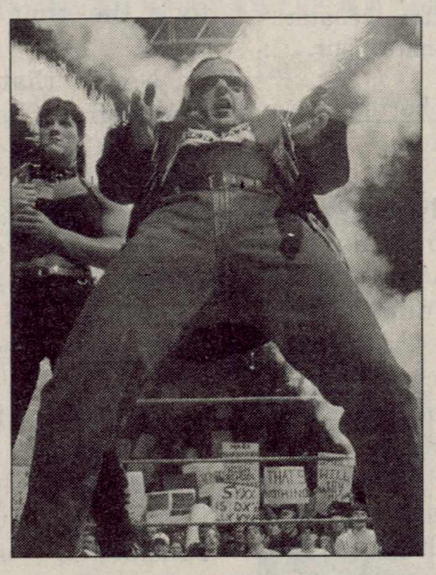

WWF Superstar Triple H retains his world title in the main event of Wrestlemania

Wrestling fans from all over the country flocked to "The Pond" in Anaheim, California for to watch their favorite superstars battle on the biggest wrestling stage of all. Many of whom wanting to see the final appearance of Mick Foley, also known as Mankind. Foley squared off against the WWF champion Triple H, The Rock, and the Big Show in a "Fatal Four-Way Elimination" match with the WWF championship at stake.

Foley's retirement party ended sooner than he would have like, as Triple H late in the match eliminated him. Triple H would go on to defeat the Rock and retain his WWF title.

Kane got his revenge on X-Pac, as he and Rikishi Phatu dismantled the Road Dogg and X-Pac in their tag team match. After the match, Kane took out some more aggressions on baseball great Pete Rose. Rose, in what is starting to become a WrestleMania tradition, got a choke slam after trying to hit Kane with a baseball bat. Plus Rose, much to his chagrin, got sat on by the 400-plus pound Phatu.

Olympic Gold Medallist Kurt Angle is no longer the Euro-Continental champion after his defeat in the double-elimination triple-threat match with Chris Jericho and Chris Benoit. Benoit won the intercontinental championship while Jericho won the European title. Both won their championships without pinning the champion Angle, who was highly upset after the match.

In what may go down as one of the greatest tag-team matches of all time, Edge and Christian defeated both the Hardy Boyz and The Dudley Boyz in a tag-team ladder match. The match saw each of the participants flying through tables at breakneck heights and speeds. The match was over when Edge and Christian dropped Matt Hardy off two tables balanced by two ladders.

WWF officials have announced that the Houston Astrodome will be the site of next year's WrestleMania.

Sauce reporter's meeting with a legend of jazz and piano

By: Karly Pierre
Sauce Reporter

Ellis Marsalis leaned back in his chair and let out a long sigh. Then he spoke.

"I think in some ways, it's just like some of the ministers say, I was just 'called' to play jazz," Marsalis said as he laughed. "I don't know that I had much of a choice in the matter."

He once again fell silent.

Marsalis lead an accomplished career as a jazz pianist and educator. He graduated from Dillard University with a B.A. in music education and received his master's degree in music education from Loyola. He and his wife Dolores had six sons three of which (Wynton, Branford and Delfeayo) have left their mark in the contemporary jazz scene. Some of Marsalis' students (which include Harry Connick Jr., Terence Blanchard,Donald Harrison, Kent and Marlon Jordan and Nicholas Payton) also have gone on to be successful jazz musicians.

Marsalis currently directs the University of New Orleans Jazz Studies Program.

"All musicians are educators in one form or another," Marsalis said as he lightly rapped his fingers on the table. "Jazz music, however, has only recently been allowed in academia so the opportunities to have a jazz program are relatively new. Music education has always been primarily about European music."

He took another deep breath and his hands fondled the cellular phone they clasped. Oscar Peterson, Thelonius Monk, Miles Davis, and John Coltrane were a few of the musicians Marsalis accredited in molding his musical style.

"In this stage in the game there is no one musician," Marsalis said. "I've been influenced by several musicians, but I suppose I could call myself a bee-bopper."

He chuckled a little.

Marsalis was not quite sure what he wanted his legacy to be in jazz music.

"There are quite a few things that I have to document," Marsalis said. "I'm hoping that I muster up the discipline to document some of the experiences that I've had that can be passed on to people that come behind me."

Tonight Marsalis would perform at A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The speaker announced Marsalis' name. The audience clapped enthusiastically as Marsalis appeared from behind the curtain. He walked toward the grand piano at a slow steady pace. When he played he seemed to forget the audience. He played for himself. When the concert ended the audience roared with applause as Marsalis casually wandered from the stage.

Website of the Week www.tvthemesonline.com

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

Many theme songs from shows such as *Cheers* can be found at www.tvthemesonline.com

Making your way in the Internet world today takes everything you've got. Taking a break from all your worries sure would help a lot. A great haven from the regular tedious Internet search can be found at www.tvthemesonline.com

From your favorite 80's comedy to the newest action adventure series, tvthemesonline.com will offer an experience that will bring you to the best of television themes.

The site gets an A+ for its easy access to all television shows. It lists out each type: comedy, drama, crime, medical, documentaries, and many more. If there are any troubles finding your favorite TV theme, there's no need to make haste.

Tvthemesonline.com offers a search engine that makes finding your unlisted theme a breeze.

All themes that The Sauce staff could remember were easily found on this site. Only one show, the early 90s fluke, Sister Kate, was not found in our search.

Just exactly what draws an audience to a site of this nature? There's something about hearing theme songs that makes people feel nostalgic. Senior Earl Gates put it best when he said that "TV is such an integral part Americans' lives that . . . like when dealing with things such as family heir looms. . . seeing or hearing the beginnings to these sitcoms will bring a person back to a specific time in their life."

ASK THE EXPERTS

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Who are the stars in the Dixie Chick video *Goodbye Earl*?

Angela Hayse
Junior

Dixie Chicks

Other than the Dixie Chicks, Natalie Maines, Martie Seidel and Emily Robertson, there are numerous famous actors in the production of this controversial video.

Multi-Emmy winning actor Dennis Franz from *NYPD Blue* pays the role of the abusive and damned Earl.

The role of the abused wife, Wanda, was played by Jane Krakowski of *Ally McBeal.*

Her best friend in the video was played by Lauren Holly from the hit movie *Turbulence.* Holly is also the ex-wife of the Golden Globe winner Jim Carrey.

The video is currently number three on the country charts.

What happened to the Gin Blossoms?

Josh Green
Freshman

Gin Blossoms

The rumors surrounding the groups break-up are true.

The band that had there first hit, "*Hey Jealousy,*" broke-up in 1997, but they did have a reunion on New Year's Eve in Phoenix, AZ.

Before the end of the band they released five albums and they can all be found still in circulation.

Fans of the group can also find their work on the soundtrack to the 1995 movie *Empire Records.* The movie stars actors such as Renee Zelwegger, Ethan Embry, and Liev Tyler.

Other songs that are a part of the groups fame are "Till I Hear It from You," "Follow You Down," and "Found Out about You."

Demon softball finishes UTA series strong

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

Sophomore Erin Mancuso continued her assault on the Demon softball record books, slamming four home runs in the weekend series with UT-Arlington.

Mancuso broke the single-season record with two homers in a 7-6 game one loss.

The Demons (26-13, 14-3) regrouped to win games two and three 8-0 and 7-4.

Mancuso went 7-for-11 in the series and cracked two more homers in game three of the series. She is second in the conference in home runs with 13 on the year.

In a marathon game that went 11 innings and took almost four hours to complete, the Demons were the tough-luck losers 7-6 in game one.

Mancuso's second homer of the game, a 2-run shot, tied he scored at 6-all in the top of the seventh.

A Christina Edgar single in the 11th was NSU's only hit in the extra innings.

UTA's Lisa Verheul drove in the game-winning RBI in the bottom of the 11th.

Jessica Holaway, in relief for Cindy Leggett, picked up the loss. Holaway struck out six in eight innings of work.

Amanda Ortego pitched five solid innings, struck out six and gave up only three hits as NSU rolled 8-0.

Brandy Kenney stroked a 3-run home run in the third inning. Kenney went 3-for-3 with five RBI and laced her 60th career double.

Shannon Straty added two RBI.

Mancuso saved her best performance for Sunday's game, going 4-for-6 including two more homers, and six RBI in the 7-3 victory.

Holaway was less dominant in her SUnday win than she was in her Saturday loss, giving up four earned runs and four walks, but also struck out three and went the distance.

Holaway, with a conference-leading 1.67 ERA, improves to 9-5.

Amber Welker, second in the SLC in hits, went perfect from the plate with a 4-for-4 day.

The Demons were coming off two home losses to 9th-ranked LSU last week.

NSU leads the conference in eight of the 10 major offensive statistics.

The Demons will continue their road swing this weekend against Louisiana-Monroe for a three-game set.

The Demons face Centenary at home April 12 before a rematch with nationally ranked Louisiana-Lafayette April 15.

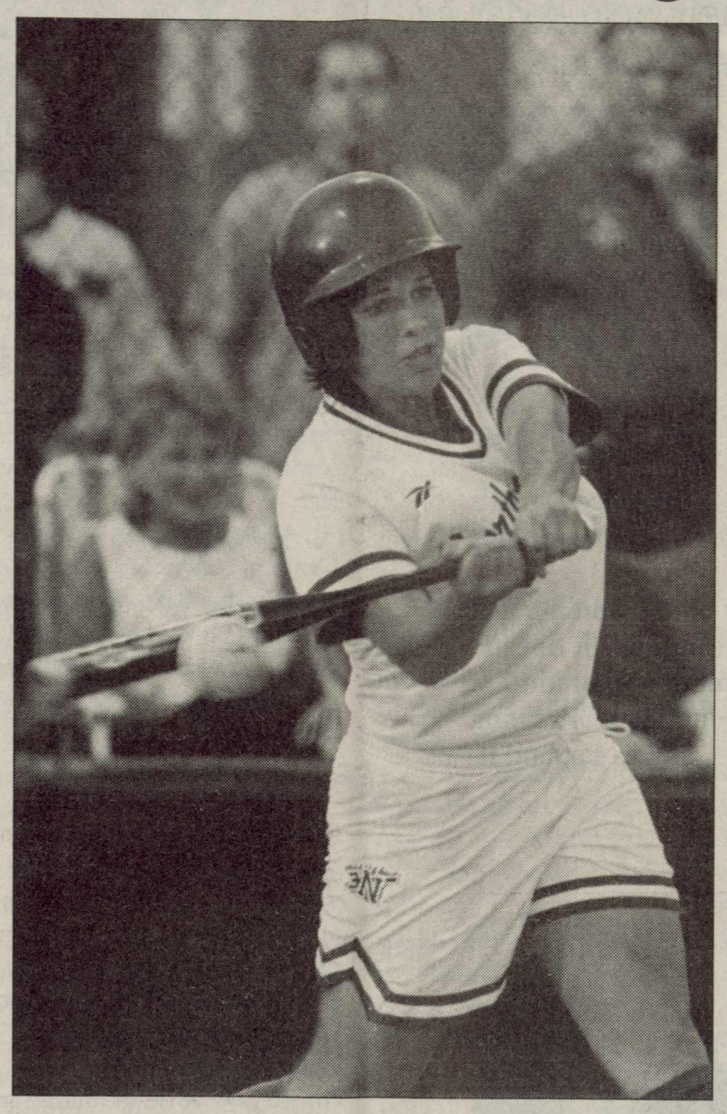

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Sophomore Erin Mancuso smashes four homeruns in three games to break a school record. The Demons took two of three in the weekend series with UTA in Arlington. The Demons (14-3 in the SLC, 26-13 overall) will face Centenary in a non-conference game on April the 12th.

Clark and Converse win state basketball honors

By Sports Information

Northwestern State senior guards Judy Clark and Kia Converse were selected second team All-Louisiana by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association as announced on Saturday, while senior forward Louise Chase and senior guard Jennifer Graf each earned Honorable Mention selections.

The four seniors led the Lady Demons to the second most wins in school history. Northwestern finished the season with a 24-6 record, second only to the 1985-86 and 1994-95 teams which posted 25-7 marks.

Clark, a first team All-Southland Conference selection, led the team with 5.8 assists and 2.3 steals per game, and was second in scoring at 15.2 ppg.

Clark ranks seventh on the NSU all-time scoring list with 1,616 points, second in career assists with 609, and tied for sixth in steals with 238.

Converse, also a first team All-Southland selection, led the team in scoring with 15.6 ppg and was second in rebounds at 5.1 boards per game.

The Napoleonville, La. native was one of the top three-point shooters in the nation during the season. She broke the Southland Conference record for most three-point field goals in a season with 81. She also led the team and the SLC in three-point field goal percentage (38.9) and ended the season ranked 19th in the nation in three-pointers per game (2.8).

Chase, a second-team All-Southland selection, led the team in rebounding with 7.1 per game and was third in scoring with 13.2 ppg.

The Ringgold, La. native ended her career at NSU sixth on the Lady Demon all-time rebounding list with 761 boards. Her 1,391 points ranks ninth on the NSU career scoring list.

Graf had a break-out season for Northwestern averaging 10.4 ppg and 4.5 rpg. The steady guard from Loranger, La. led the Southland Conference in free throw percentage with 84.7 percent clip.

La. Tech's Betty Lennox garnered Player of the Year honors, while Lady Techster head coach Leon Barmore took home Coach of the Year honors.

Joining Clark and Converse on the second team is Katrina Hibbert of LSU, Nakesha Jewell of Grambling, and La.-Monroe forward Terri Butler.

Demons swept in a Southland Conference series against McNeese

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

For the first time in four years, the Demon Baseball team saw the broomsticks.

Down 3-4 in the seventh inning, conference-leading McNeese State scored three runs off starter Jason Slaninia and reliever Josh Dencausse to take the lead 6-4 and win by that same margin.

This securing the three-game sweep of the Demons.

The injury-riddled NSU team (21-15, 7-8 SLC) had not loss three consecutive games to a conference opponent since 1996, when Northeast Louisiana turned the hat trick.

McNeese improves to 29-8 overall, 12-3 in SLC.

"There were things that happened today that were beyond our control," said NSU head coach John Cohen. "Entering this series, 70 percent of the time our pitchers threw a strike on the first pitch."

"During this series, we threw strike one less than 30 percent of the time," said Cohen. "It was like trying to throw into a coffee cup."

The game was a fairly quiet one until the top of the fifth. The NSU bats cracked to life, scoring four runs on four hits.

Third baseman Buddy Proctor drove in two runs on a double, part of a 2-for-5 day for Proctor.

The Demons banged out 11 hits in the game but could only push runners across the plate in one inning.

NSU left 10 base runners on the bag.

McNeese's Chris Williamson, the conference's top hitter, brought in the go-ahead run after a walk and an RBI-double in the seventh.

A sacrifice fly would bring in Williamson to push the lead to 6-4.

Cowboy pitcher Patrick Stark (3-1) worked three innings of relief and picked up the win.

Slaninia, whose loss drops him to 2-4,went seven innings, struck out three, walked five and gave up five hits while, Dencausse pitched two innings in relief.

The Demons dropped the first two games by a combined score of 27-4, with scores of 11-3 in game one and 16-1 in game two.

"I'm still very proud with the effort our guys gave today," Cohen added. "You know, most people equate a team's effort with how many wins and losses that team has. That's not how you judge a team's effort."

The Demons step out of conference play tomorrow night against Louisiana Tech in Ruston. Game time is set for 5:30 p.m.

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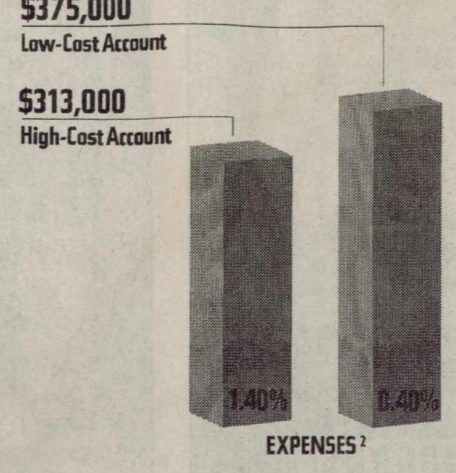

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Baseball

NSU vs. Louisiana College (March 28)

LC	001	010	001 -	3	11	4
NSU	021	031	01X -	8	10	1

WP-Luna (5-0) LP-LaCaze (0-1)
HR-NSU
Mink (5)

NSU @ McNeese St. (March 31)

NSU	020	000	010 -	3	8	2
MSU	113	015	00X -	11	12	1

WP-Gothreaux (9-0) LP-Stout (5-3)

NSU @ McNeese St. (April 1)

NSU	010	000	0 -	1	6	2
UTSA	241	711	X -	16	18	0

WP-Holaway (5-1) LP-Glidewell (3-5)
HR-MSU
Mitchell, Parker

NSU @ McNeese St. (April 2)

NSU	000	040	000 -	4	11	0
MSU	002	010	30X -	6	8	3

WP-Stark (3-1) LP-Slanina (2-4)

NOTE: The Next Demon home games will be April 7th, 8th, and 9th in a three game series with Nicholls State. Head coach John Cohen will be looking for his 100th career win.

Softball

NSU vs. Louisiana State (March 29 DH)

Game 1

LSU	003	020	0 -	5	11	1
NSU	000	000	0 -	0	4	1

WP-Sneed (10-5) LP-Holaway (8-4)

Game 2

LSU	021	05 -	8	8	0	
NSU	000	00 -	0	1	3	

WP-Lewis (10-2) LP-Ortego (9-7)

NSU @ UT-Arlington (April 1)

NSU	001	300	200	00 -	6	12	4
UTA	320	010	000	01 -	7	12	0

WP-Brand (11-16) LP-Holaway (8-5)
HR-NSU
Mancuso 2 (11)

NSU @ UT-Arlington (April 2 DH)

Game 1

NSU	303	02 -	8	10	0
UTA	000	00 -	0	3	2

WP-Ortego (10-7) LP-Brand (11-17)
HR-NSU
Kenney

Game 2

NSU	302	200	0 -	7	11	0
UTA	201	010	0 -	4	6	0

WP-Holaway (9-5) LP-Brand (11-18)
HR-NSU
Mancuso 2 (13)

NOTE: You can catch the Demons at home again on April 12th when they will host Centenary for a non-conference game.

Tennis

NSU vs. Louisiana Tech (March 28)

La. Tech 4, NSU 3
Singles
Lukic (NSU) d. Brooks 6-2, 7-5
Graif (LT) d. LaSuzzo 6-4, 6-1
Unger (NSU) d. McGowen 6-1, 6-0
Davies (LT) d. Gordon 6-0, 6-0
Longbotham (LT) d. Olsen 6-1, 6-3
Doubles
Brooks/Davies (LT) d. Lukic/LaSuzzo 8-5
Unger/Olsen (NSU) d. Graif/Longbotham 8-4

Northwestern will be in action at home on April 14th as they host Southwest Texas St. in the Southland Conference Tournament. The match will begin at 9 a.m.

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Kendra Young
Senior

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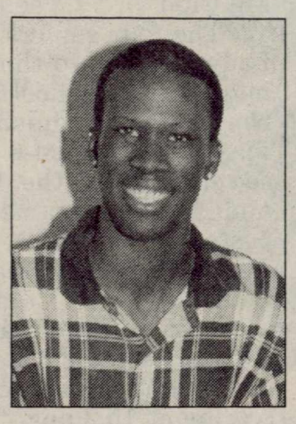

Terrence Daniels
Senior

I would use it because it doesn't matter what kind of money it is as long as I can spend it.

Rachael Morgan
Junior

No, because it should be a collectors item instead of in a cashiers tray.

Todd Modgling
Senior

Yes, but when you lose change it's not that big of a deal, but if you lose the gold dollar it is.

Marginalia

Just a couple more... I promise.

I have been told that we will be the same people five years from now that we are today, except for the people we know and the books we have read.

Five years ago... what a difference the last five years have made in my life.

Five years ago, I lost academic and music scholarships to laziness and a lack of self-discipline...what a difference some people have made in my life.

With the exception of the Death of Superman, various books of the Bible, and Robert E. Lee on Ethical Leadership, I have read few books completely.

I owe much to the people I know.

The people I know have... challenged me, cared for me, hated me, helped me, slowed me down, sped me up and most importantly have respected me enough to let me learn from my decisions.... good or bad.

I hope you all have a chance to screw something up while you are in college. Take the chance now while the stakes are much less than what they will be in another five years.

Learn now about your ability to make decisions. In college the stakes are much lower than real life.

Many times you can find someone to help you fix a mistake in college.

Outside of college, you could just get fired. Then the reality of having no job and two mouths beside your own to feed sneaks up on you.

Make the next five years of your life a time of growth much beyond your ability to swill beer or recite dates and useless facts easily found in an almanac.

Take a chance on yourself as a decision maker.

Do not get stuck on the easy ones like: "Should I go to class?" That is like using all three of your lifelines on the $200 question. While the little victories make the big ones less intimidating, they are still little victories.

Find your big victories. Mine was putting myself and my ideals in front of others each week. I have faced the ridicule; and I have faced the conflict. This may seem surprising, but I have always avoided conflict. Life is easier that way.

As I saw different things happening that I did not agree with, I found myself compelled to speak out.

Look for what compels you and do not let the judgment of others prevent you from trying.

If you have one of those little voices inside of you, then you will learn where the boundaries are for you.

Do not let others set them for you. Avoid those who will try to limit you. Seek out those who will lift you up, encourage you and accept you.

Remember, five years from now you will be the same except for books and people.

Thank you to all of my people...
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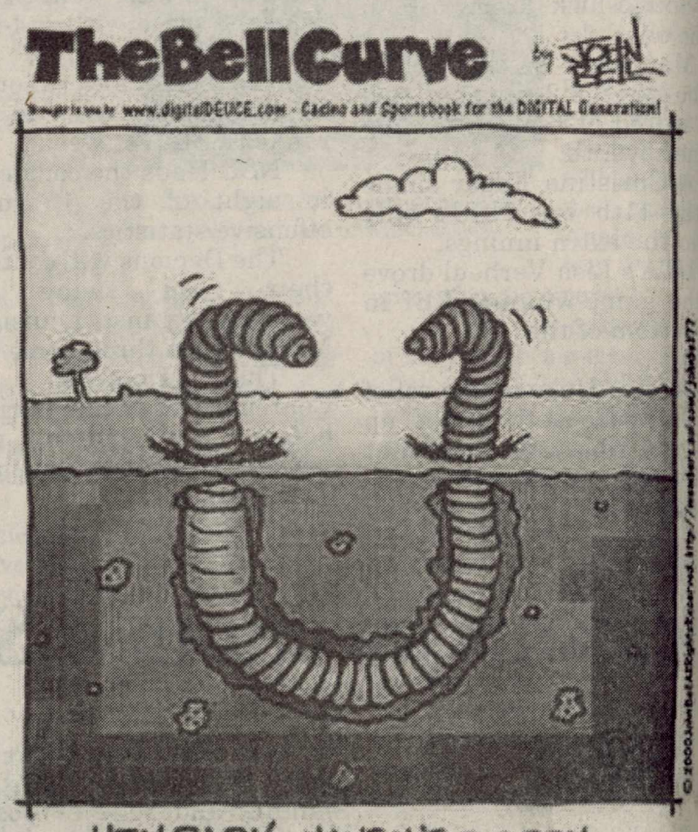

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News in Brief

SYMPHONY, COMBINED CHOIRS TO PERFORM APRIL 13 –

The Natchitoches - Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and NSU Concert and Chamber Choirs will close out their 1999 - 2000 season with a combined concert Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Scott York will conduct the combined orchestra and choirs.

Tickets are $5. Northwestern State and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts students are admitted free with a student I.D.

The program will consist of Mozart's "C-minor Mass" and Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture." NSU voice faculty members Phyllis Seigler, Michael Rorex and Terrie Sanders will be featured soloists on the "C-minor Mass."

ANNUAL HEALTH FEST IS THURSDAY –

Health Fest 2000, a community health fair sponsored by Northwestern's College of Science and Technology, the Department of Health and Human Performance and Natchitoches Parish Hospital, will be held Thursday, April 13, from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Prather Coliseum on NSU's campus.

The event will promote a healthier Natchitoches by creating awareness and knowledge regarding a wealth of health topics as well as provide access to various health-related screenings.

Screenings this year include cholesterol, bone density, blood sugar, pulmonary functioning, blood pressure, vision, dental and body. All will be free of charge with the exception of the cholesterol screening which will cost $7.

For more information, call (318) 357-5126.

FORMER STUDENT TO PRESENT RECITAL –

Mezzo soprano Katherine Sherwood will perform in concert Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. in the Louisiana School for Math, Sciences and the Arts Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Sherwood, a Northwestern graduate, is completing a master's in voice at the University of Texas. She will appear with bass Edward White.

The program will include Robert Schumann's song cycle "Frauenliebe und Leben" along with other classical works and Broadway songs.

Petition circling to uproot Sigma Nu fraternity from Steamboat House

Sauce Staff

A group of residents in the city's historic district are petitioning to have a University fraternity removed from their off-campus residence.

Sigma Nu Fraternity is renting the Steamboat House at 200 Jefferson St. in the city's historic district.

The fraternity is the second Greek organization to have an off-campus residence. Kappa Alpha Order has a house on Second Street, also located in the historic district.

Mary Striegel, who lives on Poete Street in the historic district, started a petition, highlighting residents' concerns.

She has collected 23 names on the petition, some of which are from the same families.

According to the petition, residents feel the fraternity violated city ordinances such as zoning restrictions.

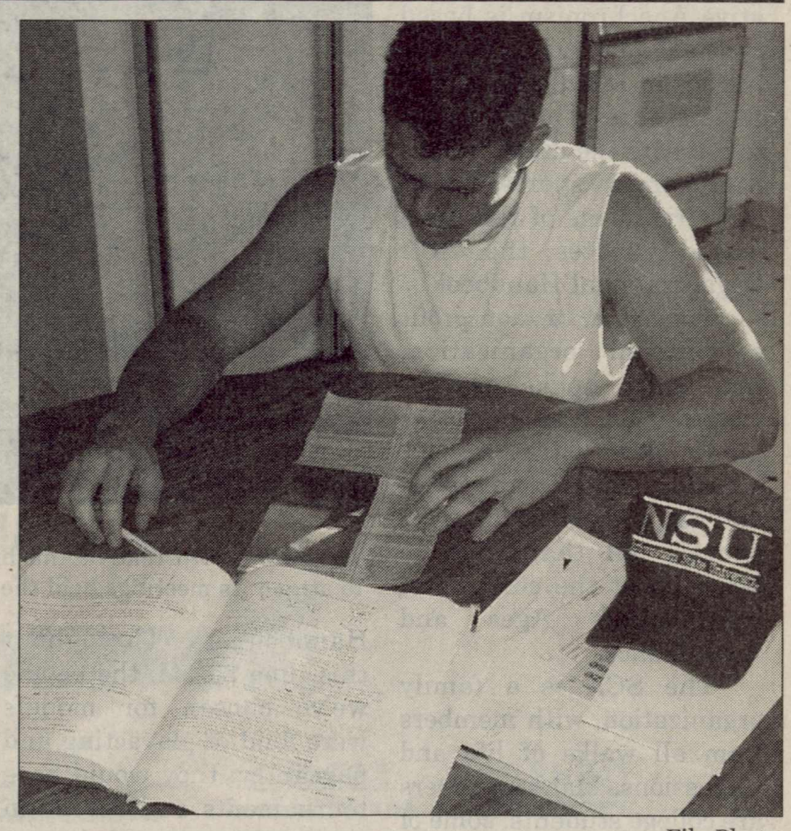
The house is zoned as R-2 for multifamily with special exception for bed and breakfast.The petition contends the fraternity is operating as a business.

The issue is expected to be brought before the city's Planning and Zoning Commission. The commission will meet tonight at the city courthouse on Amulet Street. A pre-meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., and the regular meeting is at 7 p.m.

Sigma Nu is a nonprofit organization, not a business, according to a statement the fraternity recently issued.

"The members of Sigma Nu Fraternity are simply asking the public to give us the opportunity to show that our organization is not what the typical fraternity is stereotyped to be," the letter stated.

Other complaints residents have include lack of parking and possible noise problems. Striegel and others are concerned with possible wear and tear on the historical home.



File Photo
Sigma Nu Fraternity member Todd Yore, does math homework in the Steamboat House, which has been rented to the fraternity. Residents are concerned about noise and damage to the home.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Country music star Toby Keith played to over 2100 during his concert in Prather Coliseum last Thursday night. The concert was the culmination of the week long SAB festival, Spring Fling.

Toby Keith rocks Northwestern

By Larry Collins
Sauce Reporter

After weeks of controversy and anticipation the Student Activities Board's Spring Fling concert is now in the past and SAB planners have deemed it a success.

Thursday night about 500 University students filed into Prather Coliseum to see country music star Toby Keith take to the stage and perform many of his chart-topping hits live.

Susanna Deshotel, assistant director of student activities said the night was a verifiable success.

"Whenever you have the actual group comment on how much fun they had it makes it more successful," she said

"Students that like country music loved him... he's one of the hottest acts right now," she continued.

She explained that fans were "truly excited" to see Keith in concert and he made them a part of the show.

"They were all singing with him and he was holding the microphone out for them to sing along with him,"she said

At one point in the night the music dimmed and the crowd chanted aloud with the country artist to his hit song "Since I quit Drinking."

She said that the general well-running of the concert is due part to the efforts of the SAB. She believes their hard work made the concert run much more smoothly, thus making an enjoyable atmosphere for the students.

"When you put that much hard work into something you usually see positive results," Deshotel said.

Deshotel said that Keith and his support staff were a natural joy to work with. They helped the SAB to put on a show that the campus may not soon forget.

She added that hey had nothing but good things to say about the school and the students they had to work with.

She said the SAB has already began working on next year's concert and hope for an even larger act. She understands the importance of the concert to the student body.

"It is a tradition at Northwestern to have the Spring concert... and we want to give them equality entertainment," Deshotel said.

"[The concert] is great entertainment for the students," she continued.

Gunn/Broussard sworn in at SGA banquet

By Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

Student Government President David Gunn and Vice-President Rusty Broussard wasted no time after they were sworn in Monday night. The two new executives went straight to business at the Student Government Spring Banquet with Media Board appointments and other pending business.

Before the two could get to business, they were sworn into office. Director of Student Activities and Organizations, Carl Henry, swore in Gunn and then as his first act in office, Gunn swore in his vice-president and Senate members. Gunn then delivered a speech thanking senators, Henry, and his family.

"It takes a special kind of person to give back to the university," Gunn said. "It takes a special kind of person to volunteer their time and I'm especially looking forward to working with you guys," Gunn said to his Senate.

The Student Government Spring banquet honored not only the new executive board and new senators, but also a few senators who demonstrated extraordinary performance during the year. The senators who received honors included Leanna Anderson, Most Improved Senator; Vanessa Byrd, Most Dedicated Senator; and Jamie Hughes, Senator of the Year. The outgoing executive board including Senate Chair Earl Gates, Treasurer Justin Courtney, Vice-President Paul Rome, and President Shawn Hornsby received plaques for their service during the 1999-00 school year.

Associate Professor of Political Science, Greg Granger received the Faculty of the Year award for his assistance with SGA forums. Administrative Assistant for the Student Activities and Organizations, Phyllis Gardner received the Staff member of the Year award for her dedicated to student needs throughout the year.

Following the awards and swearing in of senators, the SGA approved Gunn's appointments to the Media Board. Those appointed to the Board are Larry Collins, Stephanie Danby, Joni Naquin, and Jeff Montague.

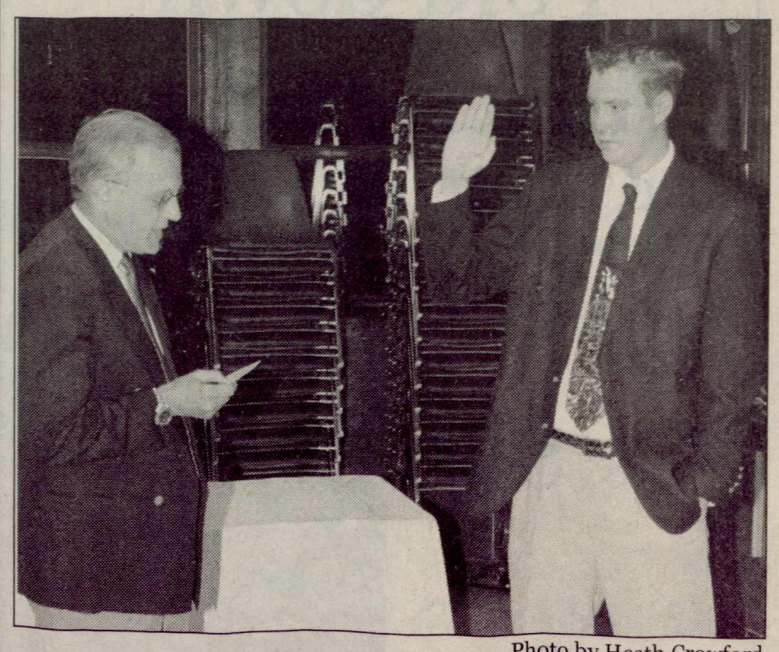


Photo by Heath Crawford
Director of Student Activities Carl Henry (left) swears in newly-elected SGA President David Gunn Monday night at the annual student government banquet held at the Rec. Center

News

SCA combines learning and fun into enjoyable experience

By Gregory J. Gelpi
Sauce Reporter

Photos courtesy of the SCA
The Society for Creative Anachronism invites anyone interested in the Middle Ages or Renaissance to attend its meetings held the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Pizza Inn.

For anyone who wants to have a good time and learn about life in a time long ago, then the Society for Creative Anachronism might be just the ticket.

"The Society for Creative Anachronism is based on the landed nobility of the European Middle Ages and Renaissance. The SCA tries to recreate the dress, music, literature, sports, and chivalric ideals of this time period," states the SCA Organizational Handbook.

The SCA, a non-profit educational organization, not only holds private events, but also performs public demonstrations for schools, libraries, festivals and fairs. Their goal is to educate all that wish to learn about the customs of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

The SCA is a family organization, with members from all walks of life and professions. Many members are college students, some of which attend the University. SCA groups are scattered throughout Louisiana, the largest concentrated in New Orleans, but groups are also found in Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, Lake Charles, and Natchitoches.

"The SCA's activities range widely, including a much broader span of time and culture than most groups in 'living history' try to cover," states the SCA Handbook. "Throughout this time period, the people we've chosen for models were fond of playacting and pageantry; they would base tournaments and revels on ancient history and distant lands."

Steven Windsor, the president or chapter seneschal of the Natchitoches chapter, said that several aspects of the SCA interest him.

"Fighting drew me initially, but the other aspects, such as arts and sciences and reveling interested me once I got started," Windsor said. "The friends and fellowship have become the best part of the SCA for me."

Sarah Whitehead, the Natchitoches chapter herald and a University student, said that she enjoys the role-playing of the SCA.

"I used to be a role-player (D&D, etc.) and often found myself wanting to play in more medieval than fantasy settings," Whitehead said. "When I found the SCA through a friend, it was a great deal like live action role-playing without the magic, and turned out to be what I had been looking for."

The local SCA members are currently planning two events, a tournament and equestrian contest and a war between four other groups from the South.

Anyone interested in the SCA can visit the Official SCA website at http://www.sca.org, the Natchitoches Chapter at http://users.wnonline.net/~ezra/loch.html, e-mail Windsor at boogie@softdisk.com, or e-mail Whitehead at ezra@worldnetla.net.

Campus Connections

Aerobics Classes

Monday - Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. with Tasha Preylo. Tuesday - Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Kristy McDaniel. Come by the IM for details.

Demon Football Player Auction

There will be an auction in the Alley to benefit the NSU football program and the Boys and Girls Club on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. Call 357-5252 for more information.

Baptist Campus Ministries

Baptist Campus Ministries located across from the University offers lunch every Thursday from 11 to 12:30 for NSU students for $1.

Club Soccer

NSU Men's Club Soccer team is looking for people who are interested in playing in the spring semester. No previous experience is necessary. We welcome everyone. Practices are held behind Watson Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:45 p.m., and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Coach Jim Kilcoyne 352-5888, or Cesar Isaitt 354-6483. Come out and play.

KNWD

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Society of Professional Journalists

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Disney reps. to hold interviews this week

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

University students will have the opportunity this week to apply to work at Walt Disney World and earn college credit.

Walt Disney representatives will hold an information session on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. about the Walt Disney World College Program. The informational will be held in room 107 in Russell Hall. Disney representatives will also schedule interviews for students wanting to participate during the summer and fall semesters.

The College Program is designed to allow students from all over the world to work at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. In addition to working, students attend seminars for which they can earn up to 12 credit hours.

Participants live in one of the several College Program apartment complexes.

No more than $80 is deducted from the students' weekly paycheck to cover rent, transportation, linens and housewares.

Students share an apartment with either three or five other students to create a diverse living environment.

College Program Alumnus, Kristy Allen, said, "It's a good opportunity to meet many people and have lots of fun."

NSU Campus Representative, Matt Kees, said the experience in working with such a large company is very rewarding.

Allen also added that having the Walt Disney World company on her resume helps greatly in seeking jobs.

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Summer workshop to increase basic math skills

Middle and high school mathematics teachers from four northwest Louisiana parishes will join "Northwestern's Leap into DEEP" this summer as they learn innovative methods of teaching basic mathematic concepts.

Dr. Stan Chadick, project director and a professor of mathematics at NSU, said participants in the three-week intensive workshop this summer will focus on content and methods of teaching.

"They will learn what to teach and how to teach it in a way that the students will be more likely to retain the information," Chadick said.

The workshop, which is funded through a $60,000 Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program grant, will be held in Sabine Parish beginning July 10. Chadick said teachers from Sabine, Desoto, Vernon and Natchitoches parishes will be asked to participate in the cooperative effort with the Sabine Parish school system, which also received a $70,000 grant.

LaSIP offers professional development for teachers of mathematics and science. It is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the State Board of Regents and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The focus of this year's workshop will be two-fold, Chadick said. In conjunction with strides to improve LEAP test scores throughout the state, the teachers will learn how to better prepare their students for those tests.

In addition, Chadick said there is a need to cover mathematics-related topics more in depth. He said other countries focus on fewer topics but cover them more thoroughly than most teachers in the United States.

As a result, teachers are now going "DEEP into Math," by working on Developing Educational Excellence and Proficiency. The teaching concept includes five basic teaching "strands," and lists objectives for each grade level in relation to those strands.

Assisting in the coordination of this summer's project will be Dr. Leigh Ann Myers, assistant professor of mathematics; Kathleen Chadick, an instructor of mathematics; LaFern Johnson, an instructor at NSU's Middle Lab School; Laura Strahan, a site coordinator and instructor at Marthaville Elementary School; and Amy Haire, project director in Sabine Parish.

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Rudd to participate in NSF/USC summer program

The National Science Foundation has chosen one of Northwestern State University's chemistry professors to participate in a 10-week summer program.

Martin Rudd, an assistant professor of chemistry, was awarded a National Science Foundation Summer Fellowship in solid state chemistry.

Rudd has already been chosen as this year's recipient of the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award.

The summer program runs from June 10 through Aug. 14 and begins with a one-week "intensive theory" course at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Following the intensive theory course, Rudd will carry out his research in the Department of Chemistry at UCLA, working in the group of Rick Kaner.

Rudd said that working with Kaner should be a very educational experience.

"It was an extremely difficult choice as to where to carry out my research," Rudd said. "There are excellent research laboratories all over the country involved with the NSF program, including Cornell, Northwestern, Notre Dame and the University of Wisconsin.

"I chose to work with Dr. Kaner as his research projects have the closest links to my background in inorganic chemistry," Rudd added. "It is a tremendous opportunity for me personally and for curriculum development in the Department of Chemistry and Physics here at NSU."

Rudd said the NSF program, which is open to all chemistry faculty including those from larger research universities, allows faculty and students to learn about solid state chemistry from experts in the field and to see how this knowledge is applied in the laboratory. Solid state chemistry is one of the most important areas of current research as new semiconductors, magnetic materials and catalysts are being developed.

Rudd spent the past two summers doing research at the U.S. Department of Energy Laboratory at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, one of the country's premier research facilities in physical sciences and mathematics.

"As in previous summers," Rudd said, "I look forward to being able to bring back knowledge and ideas that I can use in my teaching and research."

Photo by Deidra Foley

Outgoing SGA President Shawn T. Hornsby got all he could eat and more last Thursday when he took part in the "Pie in the Face Contest" that was sponsored by the University Bookstore.

There will not be a paper next week due to the break. Be sure to pick up the final issue of the semester Tuesday, April 25. And for everyone going to summer sessions, the first summer paper will be out Thursday, May 25.

Greeks support NSU athletics

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

"The Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils always strive to make a positive impact on the University. . . this shows that we're doing just that," said IFC Senior Delegate Chad Black.

Many have commended the two organizations on the purchasing of a new major item offered by the Athletic Association. Athletic coordinators over the last few months have offered supporters of University Athletics to purchase memorial seats at Brown Stroud Field. The baseball stadium's new seating area should be open by next season and now, with the purchase by IFC and Panhellenic, an area of the new stands will hold those two organizations' names.

"With all of the stereotyping against the Greek community these days, this, among the many other things that we've done this last semester, shows that we as Greeks are doing positive things around the community," said Black.

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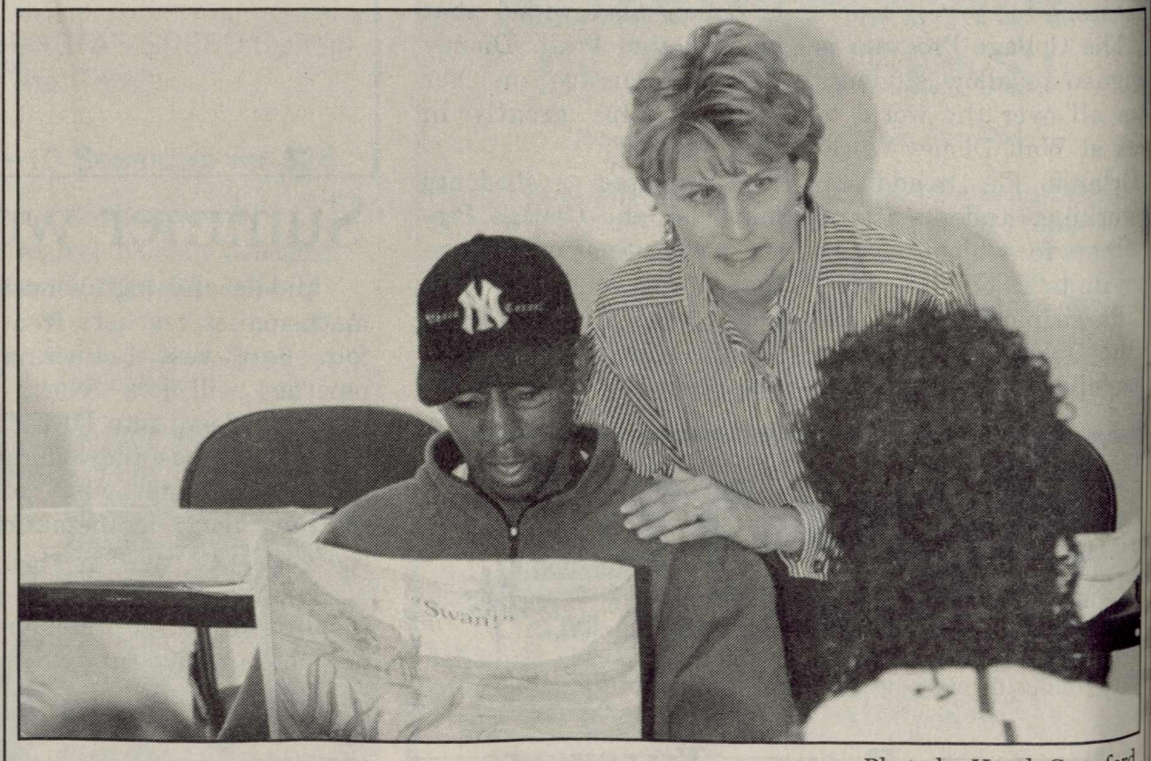

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Evie Posey, director of the University's Job Location and Development Center, instructs newly selected Boys and Girls Club Tutor JaJuan Allen on proper teaching methods. Selected University students will tutor afternoons at the local Boys and Girls Clubs around Natchitoches. The new tutoring program is a collaboration between University President Randall Webb and Boys and Girls Club Director Gail Jones.

Parts of HealthFest to focus on children

Parents of children under age 12 can help provide their children health-related information April 13 as a special addition to Northwestern State University's Health Fest.

This year's Health Fest will offer Kids Fest for the children and youth of Natchitoches. From 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., children can visit fitness stations and health information exhibits which will be set up in Prather Coliseum in conjunction with the Health Fest. Also available will be balloon art and other activities for the children, said Julie Caswell, Kids Fest co-coordinator and graduate student in health promotion.

"We wanted to have some activities and information specifically for the children," said Julie Sanders, Kids Fest co-coordinator and graduate student in health promotion.

Health Fest is sponsored each year by Northwestern's Department of Health and Human Performance and the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

Also available during Kids Fest will be "Shots for Tots," which offers free immunizations for children, adolescents and college students. In addition, they will provide tetanus shots for adolescents and adults, and pneumonia shots for the elderly.

Parents who bring their children for immunizations are reminded to bring past shot records.

What: HealthFest 2000
When: April 13, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Prather Coliseum
For more information: (318) 357-5126

Twelve selected to Demon Dazzler danceline

Twelve current or prospective Northwestern State University students have been named to the 2000 - 2001 Demon Dazzler Danceline. The danceline was selected in tryouts held on the NSU campus.

Darla Wheeler of New Orleans will be the danceline captain. Jamie McElroy of Marrero and Rebecca Brettel of New Orleans will be co-captains.

Also selected to be part of the danceline were: Randi Broussard of Westlake, Angelin Adams of Covington, Rebecca Brennan of Bossier City, Kimberly Guillot of Marksville, Celeste Gauthreaux of Bourg, Jamie Newman of New Orleans, Keasha Collinsworth of Gilmer, Texas, Bonnie Rost of Abbeville and Allison Bulot of Belle Chasse,

Wheeler, McElroy, Brettel, Bulot, Newman, Collinsworth, Rost and Gautreaux are returning members of the danceline.

The Demon Dazzlers serve as the official jazz line for Northwestern. Performing for NSU Demon football and basketball games, the Demon Dazzlers blend the styles of precision movement to produce a unique style of precision-jazz dance. During the fall semester, the line serves as an auxiliary unit of the "Spirit of Northwestern" Marching band. During the spring, the Demon Dazzlers provide halftime entertainment for the Demon basketball games.

File Photo

Hibernia sponsors professorship

The Northwestern State University Foundation has received a donation of $60,000 from Hibernia National Bank to create an endowed professorship in banking in NSU's College of Business. The donation will be matched with $40,000 from the Louisiana Board of Regents' Support Fund.

Shown at a luncheon in Shreveport announcing Hibernia's donation were: (l to r) Hibernia Sr. Vice President Keith Bergeron, Chairman of the Northern Region Bob Flurry, Marketing Manager for the Northern Region Minnett Thornton, Area President Harold Turner, NSU Associate Professor of Business Dr. Susan White, Hibernia Avoyelles President Lynn Bordelon and Northwestern Director of Institutional Advancement Tony Gustwick.

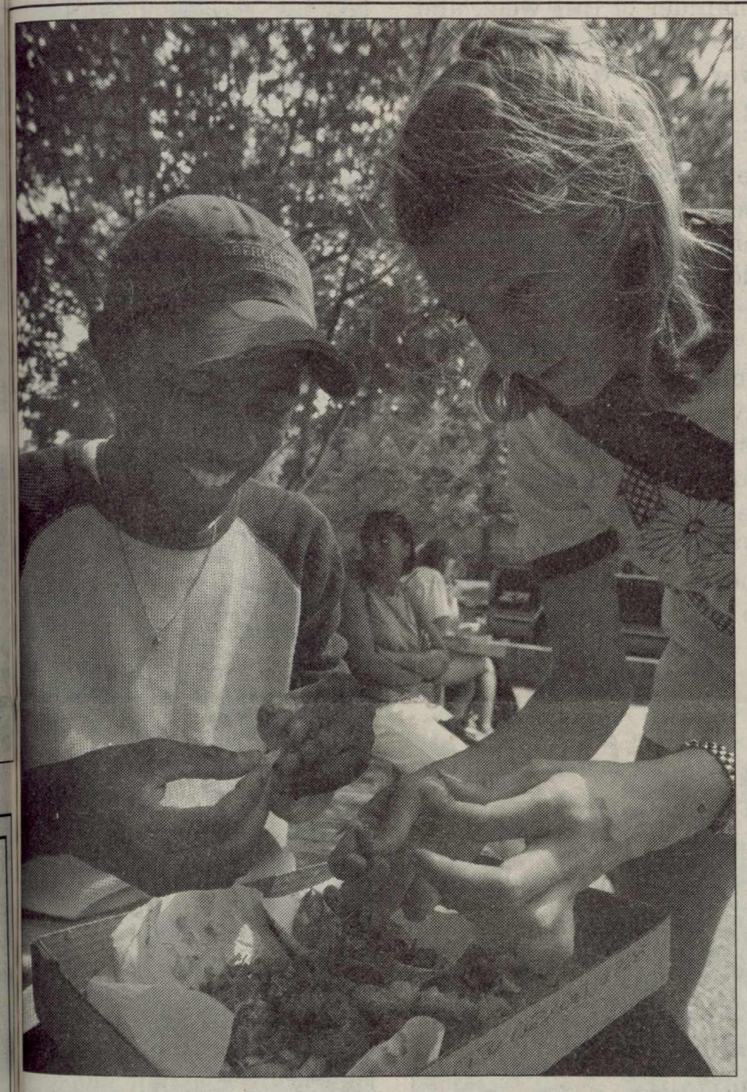

Photo by Deidra Foley

Correy West and Virginia Dixon peel the crawfish they got during the SAB Crawfish boil as part of last week's Spring Fling.

Two scholarships established through NSU Foundation for fall 2000 semester

Two alumni have established a pair of scholarships in coordination with the NSU Foundation that will go into effect in the fall semester.

Dan Kratz, a 1987 graduate in General Studies, recently established the Dr. Robert Breckenridge Theta Chi Endowed Scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a member in good standing of Theta Chi Fraternity with a minimum of 2.5 g.p.a.

Other considerations will be community service, student government or union board participation.

The scholarship is named after a deceased member of the Psychology Department, Dr. Robert Breckenridge.

"Dr. Breckenridge was the key figure in my completing a degree at NSU," Kratz said. "As a faculty advisor to the Theta Chi chapter, he was an excellent example of the Theta Chi motto: Helping Hand. He made sure that as a 'social fraternity,' we did not lose sight of the need to provide something back to the school and our community."

The first scholarship will be awarded during the 2000-2001 school year. Theta Chi members and other former students of Dr. Breckenridge are encouraged to contribute to the endowment that will eventually award a $1,000 scholarship a year.

Kratz was commissioned in 1985 in the Louisiana National Guard, went on active duty with the regular army in 1988 and is currently serving in the Active Guard/Reserve program with the New York National Guard at the 42nd Infantry Division's Recruiting and Retention Officer stationed in West Point, NY.

The other scholarship has been started by Sister Ann Carmel Maggio in honor and memory of her parents, Sam and Carmelte Maggio. Other family members have joined Sister Ann in the funding of this endowment.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving graduating senior of St. Mary's in Natchitoches who wants to attend Northwestern State University.

"Northwestern State University has given so much to the Maggio family I think it is time we gave something back, in the form of a scholarship," Maggio said.

Sam and Carmelite had eleven children and all attended St. Mary's. Seven of the children received degrees from Northwestern and many of their grandchildren and great grandchildren also received degrees from NSU.

The first Sam and Carmelite Maggio scholarship will be awarded this spring for the fall semester at Northwestern.

Bosnian exchange student gains life experiences from University

Ljiljana Kusljic knows what civil unrest is — she lived through it. She knows what is it like to flee from a home in a country which one day is united and the following day is torn apart.

After surviving the devastation of war, she considers herself fortunate — because she did survive, and her whole family is also surviving the continued struggle for power in Kosovo.

She escaped that terror during her senior year in high school, going to West Virginia as a foreign exchange student. She is now a sophomore in the Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University, maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average.

Kusljic knew she would have to overcome some obstacles when she enrolled in the Scholars' College, but the Bosnian student was determined to further her education and ultimately work toward global unity.

Coming from a split family, with a mother who only makes $100 per month and supports two other siblings, Kusljic, who goes by the name "Lily," was looking for the best opportunity to put her knowledge to work. And she found what she believes has been a rewarding experience in the Scholars' College.

When she first came to the United States in 1997 as an exchange student, she wasn't sure if she would attend college in the U.S. But during her senior year of high school, which she spent with a host family in West Virginia, her English improved drastically.

As a result of the ongoing war, education as well as many other things in Bosnia are suffering, Kusljic said. "I wanted a chance at a quality education."

So she got on the Internet and began searching for colleges that offered scholarships to international students. She began looking at schools in the Virginia area, but the only scholarships she could find were for athletics, not academics.

"I spent almost four hours a day for six months on the Internet searching," she said. "Finally, in April (1998), I was on the college search going state-by-state and found the Louisiana Scholars' College."

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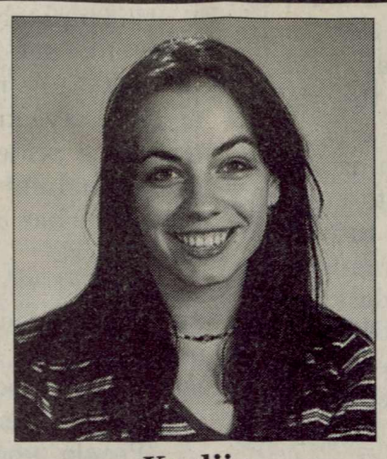

Kusljic

About that same time, Kusljic met Capt. Randy Ross, a U.S. Army official who was deployed to Bosnia from Fort Polk. Ross, Pamela Francis, admissions coordinator for the Scholars' College, and Dr. Margaret Cochran, director of the Scholars' College, worked with Kusljic to get her enrolled for the fall semester.

Even getting her passport through Bosnia or Yugoslavia (she is of Yugoslavian descent) was not easy. "I had a lot of difficulties," she said. "I didn't believe I was coming to college until 15 days before I left home."

Kusljic flew in to Washington, D.C., where her West Virginia host family picked her up and drove her to Louisiana. "They took me to Wal-Mart, got me settled in and everything," she said. "I didn't have much when I came over, because you can only pack so much on a plane."

During her first year in the Scholars' College, Kusljic said she read a great many books, which also helped her perfect her English.She said her comprehension of the English language has improved, and she is now studying German as well.

Although she "knew there were challenges," Kusljic was determined to work hard to do her best academically. Last spring, she was one of three international students in the Scholars' College who earned 4.0 grade point averages during their first semester and one of 10 Scholars' College students who were awarded Terry Cazales Memorial Awards for their academic achievement. This year, she is again being recognized for her scholastic achievement by being awarded a Scholars' College Research Scholarship Award for having a grade point average of 3.8 or better and a Certificate of Merit for Academic Achievement for having a grade point average of 3.4 or better.

She wants to make a difference in her home country, and says many of her friends and other young people from the Balkans want the same things — peace and unity.

"It has taken years to get to this point," she said, "and it will take a long time to get back the peace. It is much easier to tear people apart than it is to bring them together.

"But I want to see more globalism in the future," she said. "I have seen many things and have met many people, and there are more similarities than differences between us."

What Kusljic believes will be the turning point for the Balkans is for the economy to become stable and strong, allowing the people the opportunity to earn a decent living and feel as if they can support themselves. Until that time, she said, there will be animosity among all people as they struggle to meet their own basic needs.

She would also like to see international students be given the opportunity to study at Northwestern and other colleges in the United States. The problem is that many of those students, like Kusljic, cannot afford the cost of a college education, even with partial scholarships — her books for this semester alone cost $500. And being an international student makes getting an off-campus job difficult.

"A lot (of Bosnian teens) are really bright and don't have the opportunity. They are being deprived of a quality education."

FEATURES

Spring Break 2000, Rain, Snow or Shine

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

Just four more days until Spring Break, and it's still not too late to catch some rays on the beaches of Florida or hit the slopes in Colorado.

Major travel companies do advise, however, making plans as soon as possible, because most beach-front rented houses and hotels are sold-out and others are quickly following suit.

So, what's out there?

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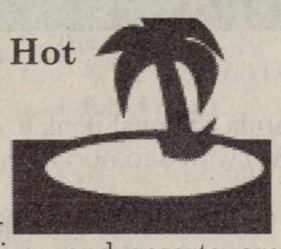


Several cruises and resorts are still open and available at a discounted rate to students for the next few weeks.

One major Spring Break site, the Bahamas, offers tons of entertainment. The islands have nightclubs, outdoor bars, a public bus system and cheap cover charges.

The Bahamas are extremely popular with college students, gathering thousands from across the nation each Spring Break.

If traveling across water is a little too frightening, Florida offers several popular sites, such as Panama City, Fort Lauderdale and Daytona.

These beaches are usually packed full of students throughout March until early April, but the crowds have begun to lessen as most schools resume classes.

Panama City Beach offers several activities for visiting students.

They offer a boat ride to Shell Island where tourists can view dolphins and other wildlife. Panama City also has the world's largest speedboat, Sea Screamer, which tours Panama City, the Grand Lagoon and Shell Island.

Panama City is also well-known for the many personal charters offered for tourists who can't leave the rods and reels at home or just for those who want a quick spin around the area.

According to weather.com, Florida's weather might cause problems next week, due to the expected thunderstorms. The Carribean Island and eastern Mexico are also expected to have rainy weather.

Obey the Rules

There are a few rules students should know before embarking on a memorable Spring Break journey.

First, Florida's drinking age is 21-years-old, and many beaches are covered with police offers looking for underage drinkers.

Also, Florida has an open container law, which means open containers of alcoholic beverages are not allowed in any vehicle the state. They are also not allowed within 50 feet of a public affair. So, not only is driving with open containers out, but walking on the side of the road with them is a no-no, also.

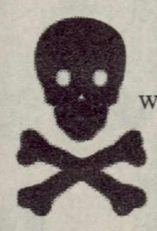
Many frequented Spring Break sites have Spring Break Courts for people who commit misdemeanors. Beware, because these courts do have the authority to charge fines.

Panama City's Spring Break Court can fine a person $215 or sentence them to serve eight hours of public service for committing misdemeanors.

Before deciding to trash the hotel, check out the hotel's security and damage agreement. Most of these agreements require the person staying in the room to pay for all major damages to the room, and many require a damage/security deposit before checking into the room. Tourists can be evicted because of damages.

Also, no balcony climbing is allowed in Florida, and all clubs are required to check everyone's id by law.

Playing it Safe



If opting for a warm Spring Break vacation, take note of a few things.

First, weather in Florida, Mexico and the Carribean Islands tends to get a little warm. Therefore, tourists are encouraged to constantly wear sun-block and protective sunglasses.

Tanning should be done for short periods during the day. Also, using products that increase the rate of tanning could promote burning. Most travel agencies recommend traveling in groups, because tourists are less likely to fall asleep in the sun, which can lead to excessive sun damage.

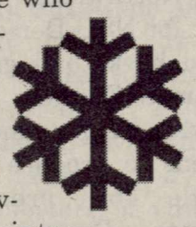
Although the weather in Florida and surrounding areas is usually a balmy 80 degrees, cold fronts have been known to enter the area unexpectedly. Therefore, take out one of the bikinis, and pack a few warm clothes.

To prevent being kicked out of a hospital with a broken leg, don't forget insurance information. Most beaches have health clinics located on or close to the beach, in the event of an emergency.

Beaches are also usually equipped with local and state police.

Lastly, all Spring Break tourist bureaus remind students to practice safety at all times - especially when drinking.

Some Like it Cold



For those who aren't looking to shed their clothes on the beaches of Florida, traveling to a wintry place, like Colorado might be in order.

Although most resorts have begun to close down for the season, many are still open. Weather.com reports that Colorado still has resorts open for skiing. However, weather for the remainder of this week and into next week will not fall lower than 70 degrees during the day.

If the ski lifts aren't open, don't fret. Many resorts offer live entertainment on the weekends, indoor pool and other relaxing activities.

One more word of advice from tourist bureaus and travel agencies - hundreds of students are injured each year during Spring Break, due to alcohol or irresponsible behavior. Have a good time, but remember classes are right around the corner.

My Side

Melissa A. Robertson
Features Editor

Well folks, with two weeks left in my undergraduate career, I'm beginning to get sentimental and thoughtful.

Where do I go from here?

Who do I torment now?

Why did I have to pay $1.99 for slimy jambalaya?

Despite my complaints, I have found much to love in Northwestern. And if you, the readers, haven't, why are you still going here?

I have a developed sense of pride in NSU, dating back to my childhood. I remember my parents bringing my brother and me back to their alma mater for football games and the Christmas Festival. I remember thinking, "No way in hell I'm coming to this place."

And here I am, quite a few years later, hoping my own children will one day complain about Vic's food.

Folks, Northwestern has a lot to offer. You just have to know where to look.

No, we can't compete with LSU in Baton Rouge, but isn't that obvious from the start? I hope no one expects this place to become a Lafayette, Baton Rouge or, heaven forbid, a College Station overnight.

Part of Northwestern's and Natchitoches' charm is that it looks the same now as it did ten or twenty years ago.

It's familiar.

It's home.

Look beyond your comparisons to see what Northwestern has to offer you. Forget the times you've been screwed by people in your department or by financial aid. At least you get to leave one day - they have to put up with several thousand more people just like you.

Appreciate the complacency of Northwestern. Behind its meager walls lies some pretty darn good programs and some damn fine professors.

So often, students overlook the good and reflect on the bad. Personally, I've had more bad experiences than I care to recall this past semester. But, I am determined to forget those experiences the second I throw my cap in the air three weeks from now.

Don't get me wrong. I think everyone should stand up and be heard when it counts. As I continuously preach, this school is what you make of it. If you sit back and let $h!t happen, then it's going to muck up in your face. But, know your limits.

If LSU is what you want, go there. If College Station is what you want, get out of here.

But, while you are here, strive to make it a pleasurable experience. I promise it can be.

Turn the radio on...

Stephanie Danby and
Melissa Robertson

Don't insult the guys at KNWD by saying Natchitoches does not offer any good radio stations.

They make it their business to please as many people as possible by playing a variety of music on the student-run radio station, The Demon.

The head guy at KNWD, Manny Guendulay, has served as General Manager for the past year after working under last year's GM Casey Shannon.

Guendulay's position will be open after this semester, and he said it has been a great position to have.

One of Guendulay's main jobs is to appoint management to the different areas of the station and oversee them. All of these directors must show interest and knowledge of current music.

"I have to find someone that is knowledgeable about up-and-coming music," Guendulay said. "They become the music director, and they chart the music for us to the College Music Journal."

Next, Guendulay hires several other directors, based on the music directors recommendations. The GM can hire a music director, an urban director, a public affairs director, a traffic director and a program director.

Urban music director Raymond Williams said his main duties are organizing the urban dj's and receiving and cataloging the urban music.

Williams arrived at KNWD with a ton of work and no immediate leader, he said.

"I had to start from ground up," Williams said. "I didn't have anyone over me showing me what to do. It was all pretty much trial and error."

Guendulay said Williams serves as the organizer of the group, as seen through his involvement with organizing Demon Fest. Williams is one of the staff members in charge of booking all of the bands, scheduled to perform at Demon Fest.

Williams said any potential staff member should have the ability to communicate well with others.

When Guendulay began at KNWD, the staff consisted of seven students. This year, the staff has three official managers and one unofficial manager, all of whom receive scholarships. The general manager receives a full paid scholarship.

The management's scholarship money is derived from a $2 student association fee, assessed every fall semester.

At the beginning of every semester, the GM arranges a meeting with all students interested in being disc jockeys. After reviewing each student's application, the GM creates a schedule for the dj's. Guendulay said the entire staff takes part in this process.

"I must have great help from whomever I picked for my staff," Guendulay said. "Otherwise, the station does not even get started."

After this initial process, the GM's main job is to continue the radio shows on a orderly basis.

The GM is also responsible for all repairs done to the station's equipment. This includes any damage done to the equipment by dj's.

A recent addition to the radio station, their website, is another responsibility of the GM. Guendulay said maintaining the website was one of his main duties.

However, his main duty, Guendulay said, is simply keeping the station on the air.

"The main thing is to do his or her best to keep the radio station a fully functional, 24-7 broadcasting machine," Guendulay said.

This year, KNWD tackled a new project, Demon Fest, that gave students an alternative to the Spring Fling concert. Guendulay hopes to make Demon Fest an annual event.

Guendulay said the new general manager must realize the sometimes overwhelming responsibilities associated with the job.

"You have to realize that when you become general manager, you're going to be in charge on 70 people, and it's all volunteer work, so at times, it's a little difficult" Guendulay said.

Guendulay also said that this year seemed to be turning point for his staff and the djs.

photo by Courtney Payne
KNWD dj's are able to play the music of their choice. The General Manager designates dj time slots.

"Fortunately, this year seems like not only, me, but the rest of the management and dj's have kind of placed a sense of pride in what we do," Guendulay said. "And that pride has made us look really good."

Keeping the staff motivated proved difficult, Guendulay said, but rewarding to both the staff and the listening students.

"People who hear from us, they want to become dj's," Guendulay said. "And that's what keeps the cycle complete."

Unlike other student media positions, accepting the role as general manager of KNWD means accepting immediate duties.

"Your job starts right away," Guendulay said. "As soon as you become GM, you take the job over at that moment."

The GM remains at Northwestern through the summer to maintain the radio station and begin formulating his ideas for the upcoming year.

The only drawback to being GM, Guendulay said, is not having a show, as dj's do.

"You want to give your dj's more of an opportunity to get the better slots," Guendulay said.

Guendulay laughed when asked what his one piece of advice would be to his successor.

"Are you nuts?" he asked.

"I think knowing how to talk to people and being tactful is really important," Williams said. "It's on both levels, either with a record label executive or a dj."

Students interested in becoming general manager of the Demon must have previous knowledge of the radio station and have taken journalism 1980, a mass practicum class.

A&E News in Brief

Bening has a little *American Beauty* of her own

Bening

Annette Bening recently gave birth to her fourth coproduction with husband Warren Beatty.

No name, birth date or dimensions have been released, but Bening's publicist confirmed Bening gave birth to a baby girl and both are doing fine.

The couple already has three children: Ben, 5, and sisters Kathlyn Elizabeth, 8, and Isabel Ira Ashley, 3.

Bening and Beatty met in 1991 during the making of "Bugsy," and a year later, the 54-year-old bachelor married the then 33-year-old actress.

Move over Kathy Lee--Cody is headed to court

Gifford

Step aside Kathy Lee and Frank - the tabloid torch has been passed to their kid.

A multimillion-dollar lawsuit was recently filed in 10-year-old Cody Gifford's name against the "National Examiner."

Lawyers for the boy claim the America Media-owned "Examiner" played with the facts, claiming Kathie Lee's mothering skills turned her son into a brat. The tab's Feb. 8 cover declared, "Kathie Lee Wrecking Cody's Life! Pushy Mom's Creating a Monster."

The Giffords deny any of it ever happened.

The suit names American Media as a defendant, as well as the story's writers, Michele Burgh and Lauren Elkies.

The suit is pending.

Crowe film faces tragedy

Crowe

A movie double for actor David Morse was killed Sunday on location in Ecuador when a pickup truck went off a mountain road and plunged 450 feet into a gorge.

Five members of the production crew were injured in what's being called a "freak accident."

None of the actors filming "Proof of Life," including Morse, Meg Ryan, Russell Crowe or David Caruso were in the trunk.

Morse's double, stuntman Willie Gaffney, suffered apparent multiple fractures and massive trauma in the accident.

A Castle Rock Entertainment official said Gaffney had never acted in a movie before or as stand-in.

Castle Rock Entertainment started location filming of the movie last month. Ryan stars as a woman whose husband (Morse) is kidnapped by guerrillas. The professional negotiator (Crowe) she hires to help free her husband begins to fall in love with her.

Concert attendance pleases SAB

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

Members of The Student Activities Board appeared to be very pleased with the attendance of The Spring Fling Concert on Thursday night.

Over 2100 people filed into Prather Coliseum. Even though the crowd was considered small compared to other concerts that Toby Keith has personally played, attendance showed promise for University attendance. Suzanna Deshotel, Assistant Director of Student Activities, said that attendance this year was considerably larger than previous years.

Out of the 2100 in attendance, about 500 held university ID's, getting them into the concert for free.

Though the crowd was small for a Keith concert, the he and his band told Deshotel that this was one of the most energetic crowds they have ever played. Deshotel said that Keith commented, "when you're in front of a crowd this energetic, you feel a lot better about your performance and truly have a great time out there."

The total revenue made from tickets sold to non-university attendees was not known by Deshotel at the time of publication. It is expected, though, to add the needed money into the SAB's budget that will make possible the booking of an even more famous name next year.

"Students always want bigger names. . . the money we made last week will supplement the budget and will hopefully help us in attracting someone even more famous."

If the money is just simply not there to supplement the SAB budget enough for a larger performer, the organization might have to take a different action. Even though it hasn't officially been brought before the board, it seems that a $5.00 charge for student entry might have to be added to continue this trend of Spring Fling concerts. First, that would have to pass the Board, and be agreed upon by most of the student body.

"Our rival schools that students compare us to charge their students $5.00 or $10.00 additional for their tickets. . . if our students were willing to do that, we could make even more revenue and try to bring in an even bigger name."

That bigger name that the SAB hopes to attract is not expected to be a country music performer. Deshotel said that Adam Alan, next year's concert chair plans to make the Spring Fling Concert appeal to many music fans throughout the years. "Adam will probably change the format each year," she said, "to appeal to as many groups as possible."

Photo by Heath Crawford

A crowd of over 2100 piled into Prather Coliseum last Thursday night to cheer on Toby Keith during the annual Spring Fling Concert.

SAB opening act wows Spring Fling crowd last week

By Larry Collins
A&E Editor

Students may not have heard of her before the Spring Fling concert, but by the time she left the stage, they new that Debbie Traylor with her band Hired Guns will be one of the hottest commodities in country music.

Traylor, of Baton Rouge, was the opening act for Toby Keith at last week's concert held by the Student Activities Board.

She has played with many noteworthy country music artists in her 20-some-odd years with Hired Guns.

"This is my first time touring with Toby Keith," she said.

Other artists that she has opened for include Kenny Chesney and Neal McCoy.

She was the opening act for McCoy on three different occasions, and hopes to be headlining shows within the next few years.

Her dream of being a headlining act maybe closer than any member of the student-filled audience realized.

She signed with Renaissance Records just days after performing at the University. This is something that she had not made public knowledge until her interview with the Current Sauce.

"I will actually be their first artist that is an unsigned artist," she said.

Traylor explained that the label has many artists that are already established as hit makers on their rosters. Renaissance Records boasts country musicians such as Crystal Gayle and Willie Nelson in their collection of recording stars.

"It is an independent label, which is better for me, sometimes major labels, will put your work on the shelf and not do anything with you," she said.

University students may not be aware that Traylor has been extremely prominent in the country music industry for years. She recorded the song *Guy's Do It All the Time* about a year before it sat at the No. 1 spot on Billboard Music's country charts for two weeks. The No. 1 version was recorded by BNA recording artist Mindy McCready.

"I did it first... the songwriters played Mindy (McCready) my version and she loved it"

She said she doesn't mind artists such as McCready using her material. She supports the new faces of country music, and the new trend of country music emulating popular trends.

She said she admires artist such as the Dixie Chicks, Shania Twain and Faith Hill for being unique in their approach to country music, but claims that she was a pioneer in the movement.

"Before those girls were doing that look, I was doing my own thing and wearing my own clothes," Traylor said.

Though she is a supporter of the new trend, she thinks it is important to remember the roots of the genre.

"You still have to do some of the old country," she said.

She sites Ann Margaret and Linda Rondstat as inspirations for her work along with other influential female musicians.

"I really like Dolly Parton because she comes from the heart," she said.

She believes that musicians such as Parton have a responsibility to their audience, and she wants to be ever mindful of her responsibility in the industry.

"I want to be a role model... I've wanted to be one my entire life...there are not enough good role models," Traylor said.

"I really want to do a lot with children," she continued.

She believes God set things in her life that have helped her accomplish her goals.

"I think God has kept me back so that I'll be stronger and have a better mind, and get more self love," she said.

Traylor is very hopeful for the success of her career. She is also thankful that her career is finally taking off in the direction that she had hoped.

"If you're a real hard worker and a great entertainer then I think you should have a chance to be out in the world and doing something... and I think that it's finally my turn," she said.

"It's gotten away from people working hard and getting honored for their work, and being talented," she continued.

Her first album is titled *It's a Male Thing* and the title track was well received by the crowd.

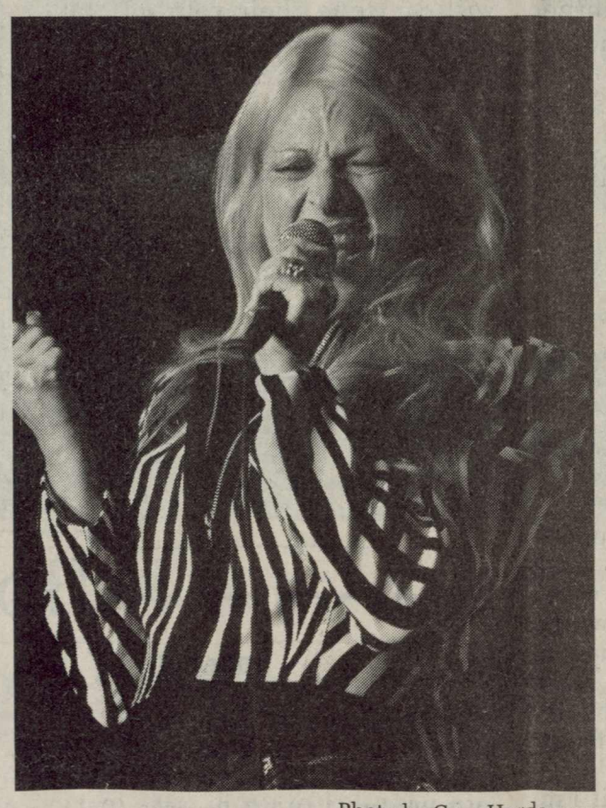


Photo by Gary Hardamon

University students found that Debbie Traylor may be the next country artist to hit it big. Traylor opened for Toby Keith at Spring Fling 2000.

ASK THE EXPERTS

ASK THE EXPERTS is your chance to ask us any questions relating to the world of entertainment that you may have. The questions that will be printed will be chosen by the A&E Editor. All questions should be sent to the e-mail address currentsauce@hotmail.com or brought to room 225 of Kyser Hall.

Who is going to play Anakin Skywalker in the next Star Wars film?

Rebecca Green
Senior

Van Der Beek

The one really big question mark about the casting of Star Wars: Episode II is who will be playing the pivotal part of Anakin Skywalker as a young man, as this is the actor who will be playing the future Darth Vader.

Some of the recently rumored actors include Rick Schroeder, Leonardo DiCaprio, whom has now officially turned the part down, and James Van Der Beek.

It's possible that the actor to get the part may be someone who hasn't even been rumored, or even a near-unknown.

The rumors go on and only time will tell for sure.

Are Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey dating?

Courtney Payne
Senior

Simpson & Lachey

The rumors are true. The former Mickey Mouse Club member and the lead singer for 98 degress are officially an item.

It seems that Simpson and Lachey show affection both on, with the duo of *Where You Are,* and off the screen.

Speculations of a romance between the two stars began arising while Simpson was traveling with the group last spring.

Recently Simpson commented that while "watching the group perform every night, I had this idea that I should record something with Nick and when this song came along it was perfect!"

SPORTS

University track team members place at the Texas Relays

By Sports Information

Northwestern State sophomore Latrell Frederick set a school record and won the B-section javelin competition at the Texas Relays with an NCAA provisional qualifying throw of 225-11, and finished seventh Saturday in the A-section against some of the top throwers in the nation.

Frederick uncorked his record throw Friday night, topping his old personal best by more than 11 feet.

The throw broke the eight-year-old NSU school record of 219-6 by Trevor Aldredge in 1992.

The win advanced Frederick to Saturday's competition, where he threw 213-10 for seventh.

Ty Sevin, competing unattached, won with 248-11, with LSU's Blake Theriot fifth at 218-9.

In the women's A-section, Lady Demon senior Regina Roe was fifth with a 152-9 best. She fouled on three of six throws.

Also, Northwestern State freshman Jacqueline Canton came within a quarter-inch of the school record Friday while finishing third in the women's high jump competition at the 73rd Annual Texas Relays track and field meet.

Canton, with three 5-8 clearances this year, went a personal best 5-8 1/2 in the B-section of the event.

Lady Demon teammate Christin Carter, who holds the NSU school record at 5-8 3/4, tied for ninth with a 5-6 clearance.

In the B-section of the women's javelin, Northwestern's Liz Williams finished fourth with a 144-3 throw.

In running events Friday, senior Dasha Thompson ran a season-best 11.76 for 17th among 67 sprinters in the women's 100 meter dash prelims. Northwestern's Chad Miller clocked 10.42, 13th best, in the men's 100 prelims.

The Lady Demon 4x100 relay team ran 46.26 , just in front of Baylor and Michigan, but did not qualify for the finals, placing 18th among 36 teams. LSU had the best time (44.67).

In the women's 4x400 relay, Northwestern ran 3:46.96, 27th among 42 teams, just ahead of Louisiana Tech (3:48.06), Grambling (3:49.98) and Southern (3:50.18). LSU had the eighth-best time (3:39.59).

The Northwestern men were 23rd in 3:18.71 in the 4x400 relay.

University softball continues assault on SLC teams

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

For those who say freshman players contribute nothing more than fetching cups of water for upperclassmen, enter Jessica Holaway.

Fresh off of shattering the single-season record for strikeouts last week, Holaway became only the ninth Demon pitcher and second this season to toss a no-hitter, crushing the Louisiana-Monroe Indians 6-1.

Couple Holaway's five strikeouts with two RBI's from Linette Stuart and the Demons took the rubber game of the series, retaking the conference lead from McNeese with a record of 16-4.

"I was trying not to think about a no-hitter," Holaway said of her performance.

"Somebody will say 'you know you haven't given up a hit yet,' and that's usually when you lose it."

Nobody said anything to her.

Holaway, who's no-hitter earned her Southland Conference Pitcher of the Week honors, leads the conference in ERA (1.24), strikeouts (141) and opponent's batting average (.188). She pitched in all three games of the series, allowing only five hits and two runs while striking out 12.

Did I mention she's only a freshman.

"Jessica pitched an outstanding game and our defense was solid behind her," head coach Gay McNutt said about her freshman phenom.

"Finally we came out and dominated from the outset, something we haven't done in a while," McNutt said.

Holaway, who also has three one-hitters to her credit, joins Southland conference Pitcher of the Year Cindy Leggett as the other Demon to toss a no-hitter this season.

The Demons put runners aboard in the first three innings, but it wasn't until the fourth inning that the Demon bats came alive.

Stuart's two-run single a scoreless tie and capped her 3-for-5 game.

Christina Edgar and Jada Garcia both laced run-scoring singles before Stuart, making it a four-run fourth for the Demons.

NSU added two more in the 5th of an unearned run and a Shannon Straty sacrifice fly.

The only run Louisiana-Monroe could muster came in the sixth after a walk, an error and a double steal.

After losing the first game 4-1, the Demons used a three-run eighth inning to take game two of a Saturday doubleheader 4-3.

Erin Mancuso smashed her 14th homer of the season, a mark that ties her for most in the conference.

Amanda Ortego went 7.1 innings and struck out five for the win while Holaway pulled the plug on a furious Louisiana-Monroe rally in the bottom of the eighth.

The Demons are back at home tomorrow night to face Centenary at 6 p.m. before a rematch with nationally ranked Louisiana-Lafayette Saturday afternoon in Lafayette.

"You pick 'em contest" results

By Kaleb Breaux
Sports Editor

Okay, now here's the moment that some of you have been waiting for. No, it's not another twist to the Miss LOB pageant or the lynching of a *Current Sauce* staffer. It's the winner of the 2000 "You Pick 'em Contest."

This year the winner of the contest, who will receive a free large one-topping pizza and a six pack (of soda), is **Ron Corkern** who had 43 points.

The numbers have been looked over and calculated by the accounting firm of Hines, Jackson, and Hines, so they are probably way off. But, what the hell Ron, you get the pizza and soda.

Please contact us at the *Current Sauce* (357-5456) and tell us what kind of soda you prefer. We really need to know before Thursday. **Thursday you can claim your prizes in room 225 of Kyser Hall anytime after 3:30 p.m.**

Thank you all for the participation and congratulations to **Ron Corkern** on the job well done!!!

Six NSU powerlifters to compete in collegiate nationals in Colorado Springs

Six members of the Northwestern State University's powerlifting team recently qualified for the Collegiate Nationals in a meet held at Louisiana Tech.

Joey Williams qualified in the 165-pound class with a total weight of 1,110 pounds, Cedrick Miller qualified in the 220-pound class with a total weight of 1,275 pounds, Marcus King qualified in the 275 pound weight class with a total weight of 1,450 pounds, Derek Toro in the 132 pound weight class with a total of 950 pounds, Chet Hurley in the 114 pound class with a total weight of 655 pounds, and female lifter Leah Gooden qualified in the 181 pound class with a total weight of 800 pounds.

That is a combined weight of over 2 and 1/4 tons lifted.

Many of you have probably did not even know about NSU's powerlifting team being that it is only two semesters (one year) old.

The Northwestern powerlifting team is coached by Craig Bower.

"I think we have a good chance of winning," powerlifter Marcus King said.

The NSU powerlifting team is open to all Northwestern students. They will continue their rein of power next semester.

The Collegiate Nationals will be held at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., on April 15-16.

To learn more about the Northwestern powerlifting team, check out their website at **www.angelfire.com/la2/nsuplc**.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demon sophomore tailback Jeremy Lofton breaks a tackle from a Northwestern defender and scampers 33 yards to score a touchdown in last Saturday's scrimmage. Sophomore quarterback Aubrey Jones (5-15, 74 yards) scored two touchdowns, one by way of air, and one on the ground. The Demons will end their spring practices on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. when they will play the 11th annual Joe Delaney Bowl in Turpin Stadium. All students are encouraged to attend.

Holaway earns SLC Pitcher of the Week

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

Freshman pitcher Jessica Holaway certainly has a lot to smile about.

With over 130 strikeouts this season and four shutouts her opponents, on the other hand, do not.

This newly elected freshman captain already has captured the prize of Southland Conference Pitcher of the Week and leads the conference in strikeouts and ERA (1.30).

Just to help put this in perspective, Holaway has single-handedly thrown as many strikeouts this year as last years entire pitching staff combined. Talk about beginning with a bang.

Holaway was born and raised in Baker, La where she grew up amongst two younger brothers.

She often travels back to her hometown to relax when she's not playing softball or studying. However, this isn't as often as she would like because of the Lady Demons vigorous practice schedule.

Like most freshmen her plans for the future are vague, however she intends to pursue a degree in Psychology and end her softball career after college.

After observing her stoic leadership on the field, it's hard to imagine Holaway was ever uncertain in her Northwestern environment. Her place on the team as a starting member of the pitching trio is clear-cut and indisputable.

She attributes much of her success to her teammates whose never-ending support is the base her self-confidence grows from.

Teammate Lauren Miller commented that "Jessica is always so responsible and in control; and she hasn't changed at all."

Holaway

People wonder if Holaway will feel pressure to exceed her freshmen statistics after this, her phenomenal first year.

Well the answer is No. She swears she never thinks about the daily pressure to perform.

The broken records, strikeout numbers and winning percentages are there for the bookkeepers to keep up with.

Coach McNutt echoed Holaway's sentiments with, "We don't stress strikeouts. Just throw strikes and let the defense play."

So with the full support of both teammates and coaches, there is little wonder why this heat-throwing threat has pitched such a successful year. And remarkably, through it all, Holaway retains her focus and perspective.

"I still don't know if I'm going to be OK in college," she said. "There's still a lot of teams and hitters to face that I haven't seem yet."

Unbeknownst to herself, Holaway's talent and mere presence demands respect from and strikes fear into even veteran batters.

Oh, and guess what Southland Conference? I regret to inform you that Holaway plans to practice even longer and harder for next year, so you better get to swinging that bat.

As for the team, the Lady Demons are presently sitting pretty in second place after a successful three game series against Louisiana-Monroe last weekend.

With only seven games left in the season, their record currently stands at (28-14) and their goal of defending their two-time conference championship title grows more realistic every day.

Up next for the team is a game against Centenary at home on April 12.

----------Boxscores----------

Baseball

NSU @ Lousiana Tech (April 5)

NSU	104	101	000 -	7	12	1
LT	005	501	20X -	13	16	3

WP-Whalen (1-0) LP-Pavliska (0-1)
HR-NSU
Proctor (6)
LT
Brewster (3), Soto (10)

NSU vs. Nicholls St. (April 8 DH)

Game 1

Nich	000	700	0 -	7	9	2
NSU	300	000	0 -	3	10	3

WP-Murray (3-2) LP-Stout (5-4)
HR-Nich
Anderson, Gill, Stutes

Game 2

Nich	001	210	10 -	5	5	3
NSU	500	202	35 -	17	17	0

WP-Slanina (3-4) LP-Gilchrist (5-4)
HR-Nich
Landry
NSU
Proctor (7)

NSU vs. Nicholls St. (April 9)

Nich	010	000	020 -	3	11	2
NSU	100	000	100 -	2	7	1

WP-Bourg (4-7) LP-Dencausse (1-2)
Save-Velazquez

Northwestern (22-18)

Softball

NSU @ UL-Monroe (April 8 DH)

Game 1

NSU	000	001	0 -	1	7	0
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WP-VanOsbree (13-6) LP-Holaway (9-6)
HR-ULM
Goodman (8)

Game 2

NSU	000	001	03 -	4	12	0
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WP-Ortego (11-7) LP-VanOsbree (13-7)
HR-NSU
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NSU @ UL-Monroe (April 9)

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ULM	000	001	0 -	1	0	2

WP-Holaway (10-6) LP-VanOsbree (13-8)

Northwestern (28-14)

Spring Soccer Scores

@Tulane Spring Invitational (April 8)

Game 1

Southeastern LA	1
Northwestern	3

Goals-SLU
Wanda Reagan
NSU
Danielle Cornwell (2)
Brittany Cargill

Game 2

Memphis Football Club	0
Northwestern	2

Goals-NSU
Missy Payne
Brittany Cargill

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Rezoning of Steamboat House denied by commission

By Larry Collins
A&E Editor

Some members of a University fraternity may be forced to move out of their off-campus residence if the Natchitoches City Council denies a rezoning application.

The Natchitoches Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously voted to deny an application to rezone the Steamboat House located at 200 Jefferson St. in Natchitoches' historic district.

The property is being rented by Sigma Nu Fraternity. Nine fraternity members presently live in the house.

Julia Coleman-Maltempi, owner of the house, requested the property be rezoned from R-2, special exception for a bed and breakfast, to R-2, special exception for a boarding house.

The planning and zoning commission's recommendation was introduced Monday at the Natchitoches City Council meeting and will be voted on May 8.

Under R-2 zoning, five people can legally reside in the house unless the commission gives permission, said Commission Chairman Ben Carson.

Mary Striegel, who lives on Poete Street in the historic district and also serves as an adviser to Alpha Omicron Pi, recently started a petition to express residents' concerns about the possibilities of having a fra

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Photo by Shawn T. Hornsby
Sigma Nu member Greg O'Quinn speaks on behalf of the fraternity during a recent meeting of the Natchitoches Planning and Zoning Commission.

Photo by Gary Hardamon
Northwestern St. head football coach Sam Goodwin, leads his team out before a game last season. Goodwin may be leaving Natchitoches soon as he is one of four in the running for the athletic director job at Henderson St. in Arkansas.

Goodwin seeking Henderson St. position

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

Demon head football coach Sam Goodwin is one of four finalists for the Athletics Director position at Henderson State University, sources say.

Goodwin, NSU's all-time winningest coach, was asked to apply for the position at his alma mater to replace retiring AD Ken Turner. Turner will step down on June 30.

"At some point in the next two or three weeks," Sports Information Director Doug Ireland said, "there should be a decision."

Other applicants include HSU basketball coach Rand Chappell, Ole Miss assistant coach Eric Bozeman and Texas-San Antonio official Chris Gage.

The Current Sauce was unable to contact Goodwin, but in an interview appearing in Monday's Alexandria Daily Town Talk, he expressed interest in the job, saying

"It's a job that probably

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University student arrested in rape case

Natchitoches, La. (AP) and Sauce Staff

A University student was arrested last week for the alleged rape of a University female after having what witnesses said was a "disorienting drink."

The 21-year-old female was allegedly raped at her residence on the morning of Tuesday, April 18, the morning after she left a nightclub where she had a drink which apparently left her disoriented.

Police withheld the victim's name.

University student Adam Breedlove, 19, with whom the victim had a drink at the nightclub, was booked with one count of simple rape and one count of unauthorized entry of an inhabited building. He was released on $1,500 bond.

It's not known whether the disorientation the woman experienced was related to a ``date-rape" drug, but police are looking into that possibility, said Lt. Chris Stanfield, public information officer for the Natchitoches Police Department.

Police said the student came to police headquarters Tuesday after visiting a physician who told her she had been raped.

Witnesses indicated the victim had become disoriented after having a drink with Breedlove at a local nightclub. She was then taken home by a friend and put to bed, but the friend told police the side door would not lock.

Breedlove, from Natchitoches, allegedly entered the female's residence around 5 a.m. Tuesday through the side door after knocking several times and getting no answer. He then allegedly went into the victim's bedroom and had sex with her while she was in a ``passed out" state, Stanfield said.

The woman awakened enough to identify her assailant, but she was unable to defend herself, Stanfield said.

Students were on Spring Break the week of the alleged incident.

Stanfield said no incidents involving date-rape drugs have been reported to police, but with thousands of college students in the city, "anything's possible."

University officials reminded students there are basic rules to follow when at a nightclub, restaurant or other establishment.

Students should never accept a drink from strangers, and they should never leave their drinks unattended, said Jennifer Maggio, head of the Counseling and Career Office.

Maggio said counselors are on call 24 hours a day for students in need of any assistance. For more information about the office or to speak to a counselor, call 357-5621.

McCullen, Winston mayoral race not over just yet

By Joni Naquin
Staff Reporter

After 20 years, the City of Natchitoches finally has a new mayor, but the race isn't over, just yet.

On Saturday, April 15 City Council member Wayne McCullen defeated his opponent John Winston, also a member of the Natchitoches City Council, by just 64 votes. Election results revealed McCullen pulled away a victory with 3,026 votes followed by Winston with 2,962 votes.

However, just before 4:30 p.m. yesterday, Winston filed suit against McCullen, Debra Waskom, Registrar of Voters, Fox McKeithen, Secretary of State, and Suzanne Haik Terrel, Commissioner of Elections alleging McCullen and Waskom of committing campaign fraud.

"If it was just 3 or 4 votes I could understand him challenging it," McCullen said. "I feel like with a 64 vote margin that it would be very difficult to challenge that type of difference in the race."

McCullen is disappointed with the lawsuit and feels that Winston's allegations are untrue.

"I feel like he has unsubstantiated grounds to file a suit, certainly it will take its process through the legal system and we will just have to let it take its course," McCullen said.

McCullen, an anesthetist at Natchitoches Parish Hospital feels he won the election because he worked hard before and after the primary to get the vote out.

"We each felt it was important to get the vote out, we both concentrated extremely hard on getting the vote out and I feel very fortunate to win by 64 votes," McCullen said. " I felt like that I needed only 9 percentage points to win with five people in there, I felt very confident that I had great support and that I would get some crossover vote and that I would be successful."

McCullen plans to use

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File Photo
City Council member John Winston filed a lawsuit Monday in the clerk of court's office claiming a mistake in the April 15 mayoral election.

News

KNWD sponsoring all-day-long concert Saturday

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

KNWD is sponsoring an all-day-long concert named DemonFest 2000 on Saturday, April 29 from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Raymond Williams, urban music director for KNWD, and Joshua Clarkson, music director for KNWD planned DemonFest.

"We were talking about doing a concert for awhile," Williams said. "We knew the responsibility would go on two people, so we started talking about it and now we're doing it."

Williams said he wanted to do a concert for awhile now and came up with the idea last fall. There will be roughly 14 bands to perform from all over Louisiana.

I think it will be great because it's a showcase for up and coming artists in this area. These are probably the best in the state and you get to see them for free"

Joshua Clarkson
KNWD

There will also be local bands like Silko, Dead Man's Circus and Black Lily. Aramark will make refreshments to sell.

A portion of the profits made by Aramark will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Any donations will also be given to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We've been trying to get up enough publicity since we're giving any donations to the charity," Williams said.

"I think it will be great because it's a showcase for up and coming artists in this area," Clarkson said. "These are probably the best in the state and you get to see them for free."

Williams said that if DemonFest is successful enough this year, KNWD plans on having a bigger and better concert every year.

Two funds to be created in honor of deceased professor

Family, friends and colleagues of Barry A. Smiley, who established the first endowments in Northwestern State University1s College of Business, are working to create two funds in memory of Smiley.

"He was such an integral part of our university and the College of Business," said Mary Lynn Wilkerson, director of the Small Business Development Center at NSU. "Barry spent a great deal of time trying to raise money to enhance the College of Business for the faculty and students. This is our way of continuing that gift."

Wilkerson said former students and fellow faculty members hope to have the funds to establish the Barry Smiley Marketing Professorship within two years. A total of $60,000 in contributions are needed to create an endowed professorship. That sum is matched by an additional $40,000 from the Board of Regents1 Support Fund.

Smiley

A scholarship which had previously been established as the Shirley Smiley Scholarship is being renamed the Barry and Shirley Smiley Scholarship fund. The scholarship will now be available to qualified nursing or business majors, Wilkerson said.

Smiley, who died April 15 after a brief illness, served as dean of the College of Business at Northwestern from 1990 through 1998. Under his guidance, the College of Business earned accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs and the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

From 1986-90, Smiley served as director of the Small Business Development Center at NSU while continuing as a professor of marketing. For three years from 1983 to 1986, he was dean of the College of Business and Applied Science. Prior to coming to Northwestern, Smiley was chairman and professor in the Department of Business Administration at Louisiana College in Pineville. He also was previously on the faculty at Columbus College in Columbus, Ga., and East Texas State University in Commerce.

In addition to his professional career, Smiley was active in the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce and other civic and community activities.

For more information on the two endowments, call Wilkerson at (318) 357-5858 or the NSU Foundation at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.

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News

Political consultant to visit Wednesday

Roy Fletcher, a Northwestern State University alumnus who has been involved in more than 375 political campaigns in Louisiana and nine other states, will be a guest speaker at Northwestern State University on April 26. The program, which is open to the public, will be at 2 p.m. in Room 142 of Kyser Hall on Northwestern's campus.

A political consultant for 20 years, Fletcher successfully handled Gov. Mike Foster's 1995 gubernatorial campaign and his bid for re-election in 1999.

Since opening his own political consulting business in 1983, some of Fletcher's clients have included several members of the United States Congress, including Jim McCrery, John Cooksey, Billy Tauzin and former Congressman Jimmy Hayes.

Fletcher began his political consulting career with the legendary Louisiana firm of Weil-Strother Political Consultants in 1980. Internationally recognized consultants Ray Strother and James Carville were associated with the firm at that time.

After becoming president of the firm in 1982, Fletcher decided to open his own political consulting business in Baton Rouge.

In addition to Foster's re-election in 1999, Fletcher successfully handled the re-election campaign of Attorney General Richard Ieyoub and the victorious campaigns of John Kennedy for state treasurer and Suzanne Haik Terrell for commissioner of elections, making her the first Republican woman ever elected to a statewide post in Louisiana's history.

Fletcher also handled the campaigns for the first woman Republican on the New Orleans City Council and for the first Republican Supreme Court Justice since Reconstruction.

He most recently served on Sen. John McCain's presidential team as deputy campaign manager and war room chief in Alexandria, Va.

Fletcher lives in Baton Rouge with his wife and two children. He earned his master's degree in political science from LSU and earned his juris doctorate from the LSU Law Center. He is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association.

Education program gains affirmation of reaccreditation

The education degree programs at Northwestern State University have received affirmation of reaccreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The reaffirmation covers the bachelor's degree programs leading to teacher certification and the master's degree programs which require accreditation. Those degree programs include the bachelor of arts in elementary education, bachelor of arts in special education, bachelor of science in secondary education, bachelor of arts in early childhood education, bachelor of music education in music education and the bachelor of science in physical education. Also accredited through NCATE are the Master of Education and the Specialist in Education degree programs.

All degree programs are available on Northwestern's Natchitoches campus, while the bachelor of science in early childhood education, the bachelor of arts in secondary education and some graduate degree programs in education are available at the University Center at England Airpark in Alexandria. The Master of Education program is also available through Northwestern's Leesville/Fort Polk campus.

Northwestern's programs were reaffirmed for five years. NSU first gained NCATE accreditation in 1954.

"Gaining reaffirmation was a team effort among the faculty, staff and students," said Dr. John Tollett, dean of the College of Education. "We had to take our philosophy of teaching and show that it permeates all areas of our curriculum."

Northwestern's President Dr. Randall J. Webb said it is no surprise that the program received a positive report from the committee.

"It is most appropriate that Northwestern, which was founded as the State Normal School in 1884, received such a positive evaluation in the accreditation review process," Webb said. "The very fine NCATE report is a tribute to the faculty, staff and students in the College of Education and their dedication to excellence in teacher education.

"It also speaks volumes about the overall commitment to professional education throughout the University, since faculty in many other areas teach courses in general education as well as in major and minor teaching fields," he added.

Northwestern State University
Final Exam Schedule - Spring 2000 Semester

Final Day of Classes
Friday, April 28, 2000

Final Examinations
Saturday - Friday, April 29 - May 5, 2000

Grades Due for Candidates
Friday, April 28, 2000 (4:00 p.m.)

All Grades Due
Monday, May 8, 2000 (noon)

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9:00 MWF and MW classes

2:00 - 4:30
All Sections of MATH 0910, 0920, 1020, 1060

5:30 - 8:00
8:00 TR classes

Tuesday, May 2, 2000
8:00 - 10:30
All Sections of CHEM 1030, 1040, 1070, 1080

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Wednesday, May 3, 2000
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11:00 TR classes

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Journalism student to take trip of a lifetime with New York internship

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

Lyrics to the classic Frank Sinatra song say, "if you can make it there, you'll make it anywhere."

One University student has been chosen to have the chance of a lifetime to see if he can make it in New York City this summer.

Senior, journalism major, Larry Collins was chosen by the International Radio and Television Society (IRTS) for a prestigious, annual fellowship program in New York City.

The IRTS will pay for all of his expenses. They have provided him with an apartment in New York City, and will pay for his transportation, by plane, to and from New York, as well as paying him a salary each week for food and transportation.

Collins will work at a New York broadcasting facility that he will choose. In the list of possible choices are MTV, NBC News, ABC News, FOX News, The David Letterman Show, and The Sundance Channel just to name a few.

"I hope to work at MTV or a news program for one of the four major networks," Collins said.

He was chosen from a field of over 400 college students from around the country to participate in the experience.

"This was very competitive," Assistant Professor of journalism, Mary Brocato said.

"I started the application process in October and have been advancing through three separate and intense levels of applications and interviews," Collins said.

"Larry went through a very strenuous process of elimination," Brocato added.

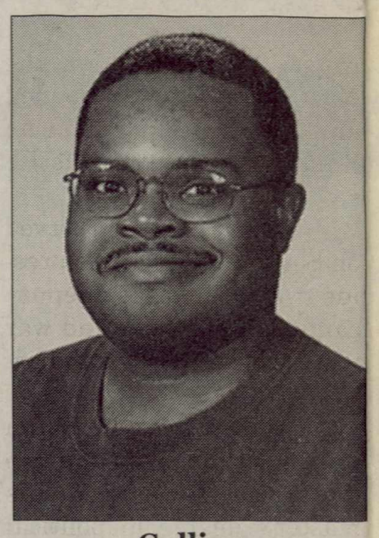
Collins, being accepted into this summer fellowship/internship program, will mark the first time a Northwestern student will represent the University in the IRTS Summer Fellowship program.

"I've always been impressed with Larry's abilities...he has strong ethical and reasoning skills and I think he will be able to count on these skills in New York and represent Northwestern, the Department of Journalism and Larry Collins as a prime example of what our journalist are," journalism Department Head, Steve Horton said.

Collins agreed that he could probably represent the University favorably.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime... I am extremely thankful to blessed with this chance, and plan on capitalizing on it, to better my career and help the university," Collins said.

Collins' accomplishments in the field of journalism and his active voice of the University may have lead to him being chosen for this honor.



Collins

Horton said that he has a good head on his shoulders and that is what the organization saw in him.

Collins, a graduate of Holy Savior Menard Central High School (Alexandria, LA), began his career in journalism long before coming to NSU.

He was a part of the inaugural group of ambitious youth to be named a Teen Reporter for KALB-TV5 in Alexandria. He was the co-host of a video show, Plugged In, on the now defunct network, The Master Channel.

Among his many other early journalistic endeavors he was named Scholastic Journalist of the Year by the Alexandria Daily Town Talk and was editor of his high school newspaper, The Khaki and Plaid.

Upon entering college he became the first anchor for NEWS22, worked for KNWD as a DJ, served as Arts and Entertainment editor of the Current Sauce, and served three years on the NSU Media Board.

Also adding to his credit, he has served as the president of the Society of Professional Journalists and Phi Eta Sigma Honors Fraternity.

He is a member of Theta Chi Fraternity where he was named best new member in 1997.

Collins also served the University as a Freshman Connector.

Along with these activities he was concert chair for the Student Activities Board and is currently serves as a Supreme Court Justice for the Student Government Association.

"Being able to do what he's done thus far in his career tells me that he is going to be one of those people in ten years that we will welcome back to speak at Journalism Day," Horton said.

"I've worked hard to be the best journalist and person that I can, and it feels very good to see it starting to pay off," Collins said.

"I must admit there are times when I have reconsidered journalism as a career when I was a part of a story or had to write a story that upset people and caused retaliation against me, but my dedication to the truth has helped me to grow into a consummate yet compassionate journalist," Collins continued.

Many feel that this could be a major stepping stone for Collins into the world of journalism.

"It could very well lead to a job when he graduates," Brocato said.

"I think his talents are going to take him high in his profession...he has always gone beyond what is required of him, and I have faith in his future," Horton said.

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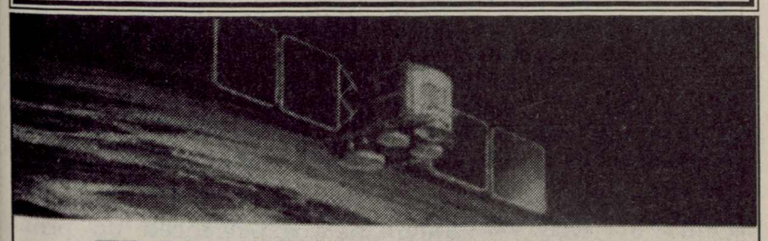

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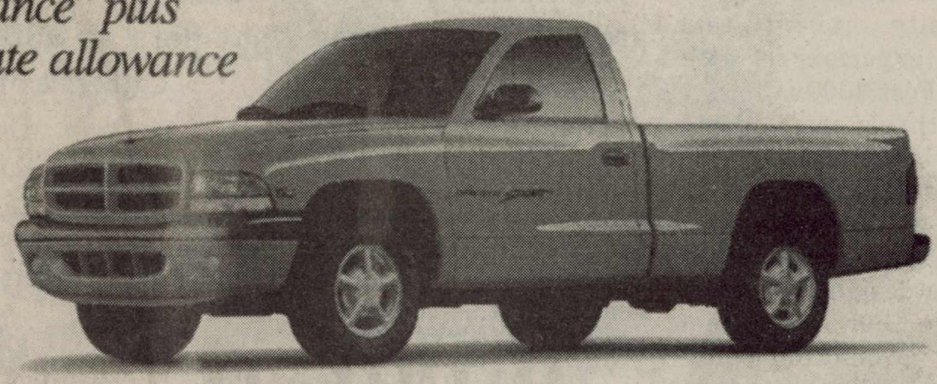

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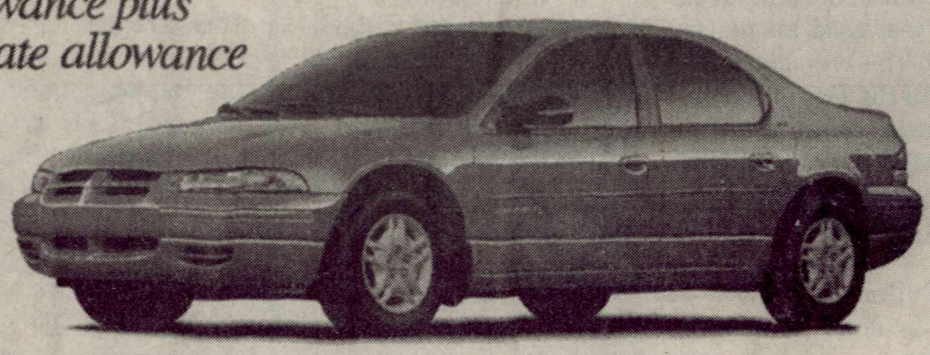

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HealthFest 2000 very 'healthful' to University

By Stephanie Danby
Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches received a heapin' helpin' of health on April 13 at Health Fest 2000.

The fifth annual Health Fest 2000 was sponsored by the University's College of Science and Technology, the Department of Health and Human Performance and The Natchitoches Parish Hospital to promote "a healthier Natchitoches" by increasing health knowledge, awareness, and access to services within the community.

"As health promoters we are dedicated to helping people and communities achieve optimal health," Michael Carter, health promotion graduate student and Health Fest 2000 facilities coordinator, said. "The health fair is intended to create awareness and ultimately lead to the improvement of the health status of the Natchitoches community."

Health F t 2000 also provided the community with access to various health-related screenings. Screenings this year included: cholesterol, bone density, blood sugar, pulmonary functioning, blood pressure, vision, dental and body. Other activities included: nutritional guidance, cancer prevention and environmental awareness.

A unique feature of this year's health fair is Kids Fest. Children, ages twelve and under, enjoyed fitness stations, balloon art, health information exhibits and plenty of "take home" goodies including a certificate of participation. Free immunizations and tetanus shots were available during Kids Fest compliments of Shots for Tots.

"Promoting children's health will ensure the health of tomorrow's Natchitoches community," Catherine McMillan, Health Fest director, said. "We wanted to make Health Fest more family oriented this year, so we decided to include something for the children."

Health Fest 2000 was largely coordinated by Health Promotion Master students of the Department of Health and Human Performance. These students were involved in all aspects of the fair including Kids Fest, body fat analysis, evaluation and providing health-related information to the public.

"We could not do this without our students," McMillan said. "They prepared months in advance to make this event a success. I appreciate all their hard work."

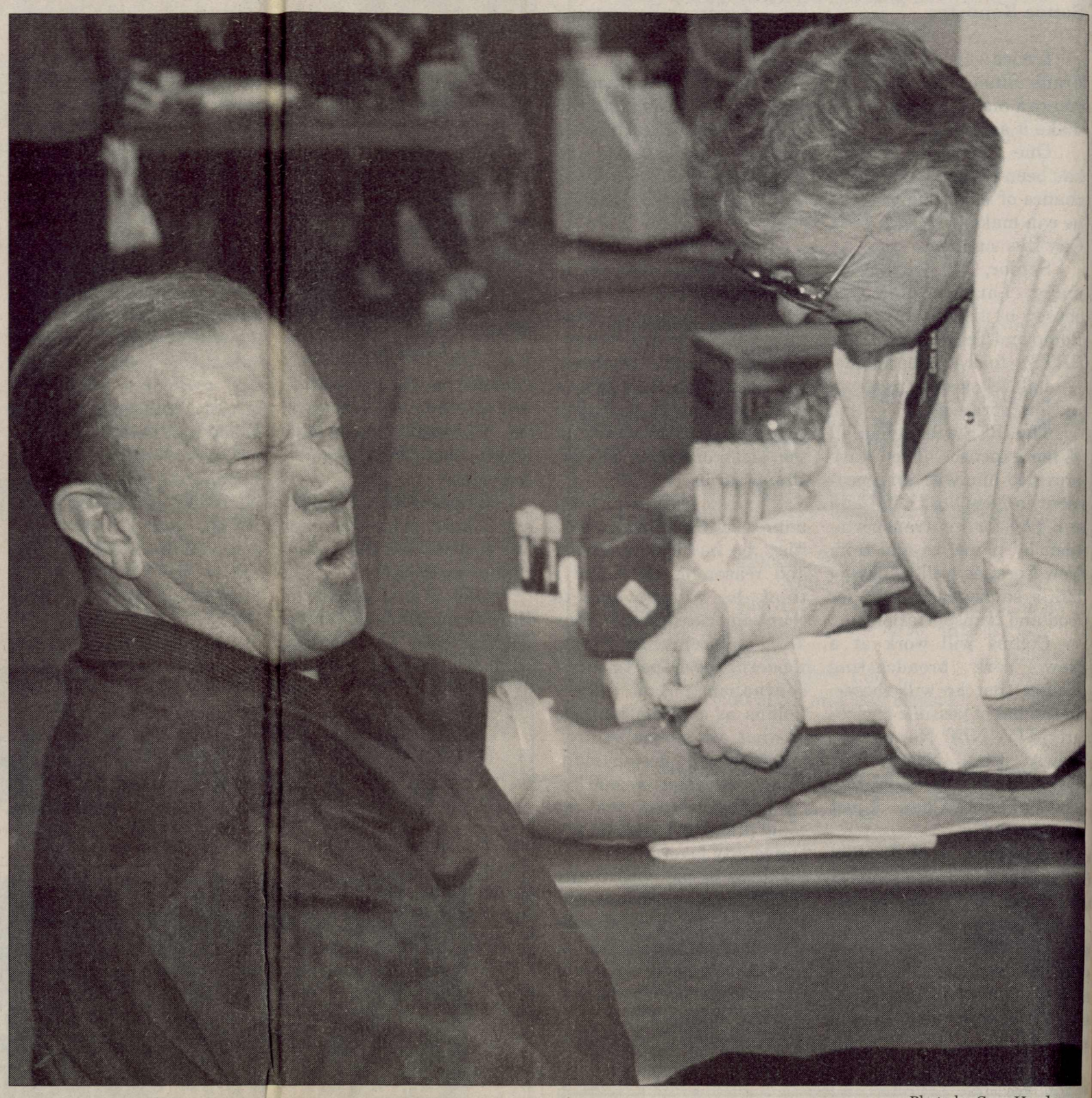

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Former NSU Athletic Director Tynes Hilderbrand enjoys some of the many medical tests that were performed during HealthFest 2000.

Health promotion students gain valuable experience during HealthFest

Health promotion graduate students at the University gained real world experience with Health Fest 2000.

Northwestern State University, was one of the first state universities to offer a graduate program in Health Promotion; a program designed to teach students how to direct health promotion programs and promote healthier communities and workplaces.

Health Fest 2000 provided an opportunity for health promotion students at NSU to obtain hands-on experience promoting health at the community level.

"The health promotion leaders of the future are being developed right here at NSU."
Catherine McMillan
Director,
HealthFest 2000

'The health promotion leaders of the future are being developed right here at NSU," said Catherine McMillan, Coordinator of the Health Promotion program and this year's Health Fest Director.

Northeast Louisiana University graduate Stephen Price had this to offer, "I chose to go into the health promotion field because I was interested in health and helping people. NSU was one of the only universities in the state to offer such a program. There is a lot of time and effort that goes into an event such as Healthfest 2000. But in the end, it is all worth it and I am extremely proud to be one of the future Health Leaders of the new Millennium."

Price is currently enrolled in the Health Promotion Masters program at Northwestern State University and serves as this year's Facilities and 5-K Run/Walk Assistant.

Sigma Nu: Residents want frat out of neighborhood

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ternity as their neighbor. Residents were particularly concerned about noise levels, parking availability and diminishing property values.

Several historic district residents stressed the issue had nothing to do with the fraternity itself but with preserving their neighborhoods.

Too many houses are rented in the historic district, residents claimed at Monday's City Council meeting.

If the house is rezoned for a boarding house, others could follow suit, they added.

Sigma Nu member Greg O'Quinn, who spoke on behalf of the fraternity at both the commission and City Council meetings, said the fraternity is committed to caring for the historic home. All they want, he said, is not to be stereotyped.

Not all neighbors are opposed to the property's rezoning.

Stuart Wright, who lives next door to the Steamboat House, told the commission he's experienced no problems with the fraternity, and he doesn't believe his property value will decrease.

MAYOR: Winston hopes for examination of voting process

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his success and provide a lot of new ideas and opportunities to Natchitoches.

"I am anxious to get started," he said. "We take office June the first and we have three new councilmen and we are anxious to have a new team with some fresh ideas. I feel good about the direction the city has been moving in the last few years and I hope I can move in and move forward and take the city of Natchitoches where I think it needs to go."

McCullen has already started to meet with some department heads and made some short term and long term goals for the city. He personally wants to address the traffic problem in Natchitoches by adding more bridges across Cane River. He has plans to meet with Louisiana Department of Transportation officials as soon as possible.

Throughout the years, McCullen has donated his time and energy to many Northwestern organizations and promises to continue to stay involved and active in the university.

"I am dedicated to Northwestern and will continue as an alumnus to fight for Northwestern," he said. McCullen plans to fight to oppose the legislation that will resurface making LSUA a four year institution.

"I will always be very appreciative to them(students) for their support they gave me at Northwestern," he said.

McCullen says the suit filed by Winston could be ruled on as early as sometime later this week.

Louisiana tops in national tourism growth

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) _

With major events and aggressive promotion of the state, tourism in Louisiana has grown more than 17.6 percent over the past five years, outpacing regional and national figures.

Nationally, tourism grew less than 7.5 percent and only 2.9 percent in the Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas region, according to Phillip Jones, secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Louisiana's increase has led the Travel Industry Association of America to rate Louisiana No. 1 in tourism growth among major destination areas, those states with more than 20 million visitors. Even with this increase, California and Florida retain the top spots for tourism destinations among both U.S. and international travelers; Louisiana doesn't rank in the top 10 in either category, according to TIA.

Preliminary numbers for 1999 estimate Louisiana saw a 4 percent increase in U.S. resident travelers, an increase which may not seem significant, but exceeds the 1 percent increase in travel within the U.S. last year, Jones said.

And the flow of tourist dollars into the state also is high.

``In 1998, tourism brought $7.8 billion into Louisiana's economy and, according to the U.S. Travel Data Center, we will see more than an $8 billion economic impact for 1999," Jones said.

And while such events as FrancoFete and Congres Mondial Acadien Louisiane, World Acadian Congress Louisiana, partnerships with travel groups and transportation companies impacted those numbers, the state as a whole saw increases in tourism. FrancoFete was the 300th anniversary of Louisiana's founding as a French colony and the congress brought people of shared ancestry together in Lafayette.

``We have tremendous diversity in the state of Louisiana," Jones said, in our music, food and cultural history. The states 600 festivals _ the most of any state _ showcase the food, music and culture in a family atmosphere _ and usually with free admission. ``Its a wonderful way to expose the treasures of Louisiana in a broad setting," he said.

Julie Burns of West Memphis, Ark., who was in town recently with her husband for a State Farm convention, said she hoped to have a little unscheduled time to get out and try some of the Cajun restaurants and hear a little Cajun music. Burns has been to New Orleans for the Jazz and Heritage Festival and loves the city and festival.

The Travel Industry Association shows that African-Americans represent the largest group traveling to the Shreveport-Bossier area, and they spend an average 1.8 nights in the state, longer than any other travel group.

There's even a term for their travel _ heritage tourism, said Harry Thomas, executive director of the African American Multicultural Tourism Commission. home to find out how much the areas changed and bringing family members _ and conventions _ with them. They're enjoying the entertainment while visiting family members and exploring their heritage through museums and historical sites.

News

Hurricanes to intensify over next 20 years, researcher says

NEW ORLEANS (AP)

Storm damage five to 10 times worse than ever experienced before in the United States should follow intensified hurricane activity in the Atlantic Ocean over the next two decades, a top forecaster said Friday.

The cycle fits into storm patterns for the past 100 years; the difference is that many more people now live in harm's way, Bill Gray said in closing the National Hurricane Conference.

The conference brought together forecasters, emergency services officials and insurers from across the nation and beyond to discuss advancements in hurricane prediction and response.

The next 15 to 20 years should resemble a stretch of hurricane bombardment from the late 1920s through the 1940s, when relatively high salt content in the Atlantic altered the circulation of ocean currents in a way that pushed up the average water temperature.

The trend has nothing to do with pollution blamed for global warming, Gray said.

``There's tremendous ignorance about how these storms go,'' he said. ``We need to learn about this, expect it to happen and adapt our infrastructure.''

According to U.S. Census figures, the population in Gulf and Atlantic coast states from Texas to Virginia rose from a little more than 24 million in 1930 to about 64 million in 1990.

Much of the development _ a population increase of about 25 million _ occurred between 1970 and 1990, which Gray called a period of relatively low hurricane activity.

``I don't think we realize how lucky we've been the last 30 years,'' Gray said.

Gray, a professor of meteorology at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., is widely viewed as the nation's top hurricane forecaster.

In 1999, Gray predicted 14 named storms, nine of which would become hurricanes, and four of which would be classified as major. As it turned out, there were 12 named storms, eight of which became hurricanes, with five of them major.

For 2000, Gray has predicted 11 named storms including seven hurricanes, three of them major, meaning they pack sustained winds of 110 miles per hour.

Gray had mixed news for North Carolina, which suffered about $6 billion in damage from Hurricane Floyd, the largest storm of 1999.

``Some people there might think they can relax now that it's over and others could think it's a doomed place and they should move out,'' Gray said. ``Probably both are wrong, but I wouldn't expect conditions like Floyd again. The probability of that is so low.''

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Northwestern's Miss Louisiana contestants

Pictured above are the five contestants that will represent Northwestern at the Miss Louisiana pageant in Monroe later this summer. Left to Right: Amber Rhyne, Sabrina Plaisance, Lakeisha Harris, Casey Jo Crowder and Shelley Colvin.

College considering name change to gain respect

AUSTIN (AP)

To win respect in the NCAA, some Southwest Texas State University students are lobbying the school to change its name - again.

`It's this big clump of letters,'' David Rodriguez, president of Associated Student Government, told the Austin American-Statesman. ``We're not really looked upon or recognized throughout the country.''

Rodriguez and others are pushing the school to change its name to Texas State University, a move some alumni are fighting. School administrators have adopted a wait-and-see attitude, and an alumni group will discuss it in June.

The school has changed its name four times since 1903, when it was founded as Southwest Texas State Normal School. The school was renamed in 1918 to Southwest Texas Normal College.

In 1928, it became Southwest Texas State Teachers College, from which future president Lyndon Johnson graduated in 1930. In 1959, the name changed to Southwest Texas
State College in 1959, and its current name was adopted in 1969.

Any name change would require approval by the Legislature.

For students favoring the change, the new name brings hopes of being taken seriously, especially in football.

``It's a name that sells and a name that sounds superior,'' said Rodriguez.

The issue grew out of a February regents' vote to boost Southwest Texas' football team to Division I-A, which includes the University of Texas. The shorter name means better credibility, said Athletic Director Jim Wacker.

``Fans would much rather see Texas State University on the schedule than Southwest Texas State University just because of the perception. Perception is reality,'' Wacker said.

But at least one student opposing the new name has e-mailed more than 200 alumni to warn them of the possible change.

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Women's old gym renovations going well

The renovation project on the women's gymnasium at Northwestern State University is on schedule and should be complete within nine months, according to project architect Wayne Coco.

Coco presented an overview of the project to Robert Stanton, director of the National Park Service, who was on a three-day visit to Natchitoches this week. Stanton oversees the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training which will occupy the women's gymnasium, and the Cane River Creole National Historical Park.

The $2.5 million project was set back three years by a fire which gutted the building in November 1997. The renovation should be complete by January 2001.

"The project is going well. We should be through by January barring any problems with the weather."

Wayne Coco
Project architect

"Currently, the foundation work is in progress. Demolition has taken place. The project is going well," said Coco. "We should be through by January barring any problems with the weather."

During the next phase, steel interior work will be done followed by interior floor slabs. The roof will be placed on the building in May and mechanical work will be done in June and July. Most of the remaining work should be completed by October.

The new National Center for Preservation Technology and Training headquarters will include laboratory spaces, a computer training area, office space for NCPTT staff, a conference room and multi-purpose room.

Stanton was on his first visit to Natchitoches and praised the cooperation between Northwestern, the people of Natchitoches and the National Park Service.

"There is an outstanding relationship between the National Park Service, the city and the people at Northwestern. I am proud that relationship exists," said Stanton. "I have been impressed with what I have seen and the efforts under way to preserve our cultural heritage."

The gymnasium was built in 1923 and is the oldest building on Northwestern's campus. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

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You have both added something valuable yet different.

One gay man

On Being Gay

To all those people who want to say that being gay is wrong, I have a couple things to say. Some argue that it's basic anatomy, if we were meant to be gay then we could produce offspring that way.

I say that if sex were only for reproduction and the propagation of a species then it wouldn't also be a source of pleasure. I can't answer why I'm gay because it was not a choice.

Hear me, I said it was NOT A CHOICE. Now, I know some of you say, "yes it is", but let me ask you something. Can you choose to sleep with someone of the same sex and enjoy it? Can you even fathom doing it? If you say no, then you can understand quite easily that those same feelings exist for me for the opposite sex.

Trying to deny these feelings only cause me pain and adversity. I won't go into too many personal details, but I will say this: I knew I was gay a long time before I accepted it, and I was miserable. It was not until I accepted it that I was happy.

Being gay is not a way to rebel; it is just the way we are. I am not choosing to be gay, I am choosing not to struggle against who I am.

To those who say that you hate gays or want to hurt or kill us, I have this to say. You will not be able to survive well in this life unless you educate yourself in a couple things. Gay people are everywhere.

They are brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, bosses, politicians, etc. We exist in every way of life. We are not all "sissy-like" as you people try to make us out to be, and not all "sissy-lie" people are gay.

Why don't you spend less time worrying about who is gay (which by the way is none of your business) and what you are going to do to us and more on your school work or making friends.

See, whether or not you "agree" with our lifestyle choices, there is one thing still true; we are human and deserve the same rights (NOTICE I didn't say more rights, I said same rights-so don't say I said gays deserve more rights) as everyone else: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

One last myth to dispel real quick before I finish. Gay people are not anymore obsessed with sex than straight people. We have relationships just like everyone else.

We fall in love, go on dates, etc. And, NO, gay men are NOT attracted to little boys. Those are called pedophiles.

So anyone having second thoughts of considering a gay man for any job based on his sexuality is purely uneducated. Also, don't get me started on the stupid policies of the armed services.

In closing, you may wonder why I decided to up and write this article. Number one, I did not do it for attention because that I could do without, especially since the attention I would get would be negative i.e. why this article is anonymous.

Number two, I did not do this to upset people, rather did it to set things straight (no pun intended!). I know I may never change many of your opinions, but it was time to let people know a true perspective on being gay.

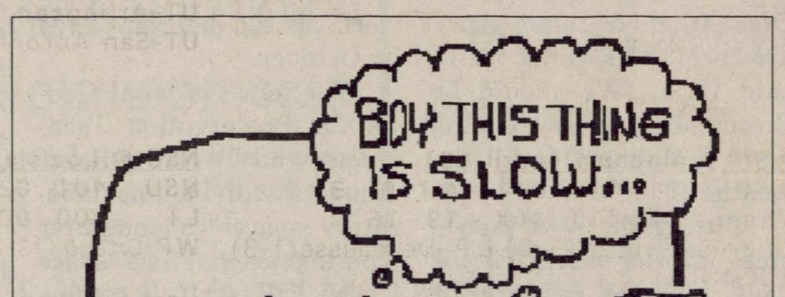
One last comment, those of you who know you are gay and still try to deny it or fight it because you think it is wrong, I want you to know something.

We are all scared and lonely and know what you are going through. And you know what? We don't bite! So don't worry about another gay person being mean to you.

Remember every gay person has been where you are in one form or another.

Please direct all (positive or constructive) comments and questions to: OneGayManatNSU@hotmail.com and all negative feedback or flames to your recycle bin.

Just one of those days...



Have you ever had one of those days?

Toaday when I logged onto Pipeline, I knew it was going to be one of those days.

I logged on for the sole purpose of registering for the trip to Europe. After all, as a graduating senior (I hope) I think I deserve a trip to see Europe.

To my surprise (please note the hint of sarcasm) the link was not working.

Intrigued by this, I decided to see what else was not working. Many of the services are still not being used such as the class information listings. Outside of registration and email Pipeline has been useless. I hope the situation improves quickly for YOUR sake.

Thanks,
Shawn

MARGINALIA

Finally, the last issue. As each minute passes by, I feel the long awaited release from this responsibility while simultaneously realizing the fading joys that accompanied this year.

Serving as editor has been the single most educating endeavor I have embarked on while in school.

I have learned much about the Constitution and how it protects us from narrow-minded people.

I have learned much about the University and the politics of the institution both internally and externally. I can honestly say I am sickened by it too.

I have learned much about the law and the importance of the media's role in covering legal matters.

I have learned much about the city and the hand it has in this institution.

The real lesson has been in the subject of people. People are the toughest subjects to study.

People have taught me the difference between those who plan to commit and those who are committed to a plan.

I have learned who the real teachers are on campus. They showed me the importance of rephrasing an argument or picking more important battles while others scolded and admonished.

Through each semester I learned of a new professor who stood on one side of the fence or another.

When my judgment was questionable, I witnessed two types of professors... first was the one who watched, offered another course of action and allowed me the chance to grow; and second was the one who watched and complained in these instances instead of supporting students who attempt to be active outside of class.

I also learned that those who complain the loudest are often hypocrites.

How many times have you noticed someone castigating the actions of another only to find out he is just as despicable as many of the accused he bad-mouthed?

I am amazed at how life works. Only months after publishing the controversial picture of Lori Outlaw, which ran in the fall, a critic of ours complained about our judgment. I predict this banker will be implicated as one of the conspirators in a local investigation. While the investigators are still completing their work, I am sure the inside man will be caught and labeled for the hypocrite he is...

On campus, I have noticed the sheer ignorance of some people. Semester after semester the AAC complained about the SGA's election process.

Am I the only one who has heard the phrase... don't bite the hand that feeds you?

Why would you complain about an organization semester after semester only to turn around and ask them for almost $3,000? They should not have been surprised when they only received a third of what they wanted.

I do not want you to think that my experience at NSU has been completely bad. I am merely taking advantage of the one true benefit of being editor...having the last word!

In my ongoing banter with the pompon line, I particularly want to have the last word. I find that many people misunderstand the rights of the college media.

For someone to call an adviser in the middle of the night and demand a story not run in the paper shows great ignorance in regards to the First Amendment.

Student media are not the public relation mouthpieces of the University that everyone expects them to be. In fact they should be obligated to informing the students of the events of the campus more so than any official.

I believe a course on the Constitution would better serve students than personal fitness and lifetime sports, fine arts or early world history.

Unfortunately, the University has bigger fish to fry.

After all, in 114 years the University has been unable to serve the needs of CenLa. The rise of LSUA's four-year plan has threatened Old Normal.

It is hard to combat the advances of other competition when none of the soldiers have been anywhere else besides the University.

It seems that we always find the best person for a job in our own backyard. Whenever a position comes open, the University is required to advertise the job nation-wide. Lately, I have noticed that the hirees are some of our very own.

This does not necessarily mean the decision was wrong. But, it does mean that the influx of new ideas is limited.

Think about it. Why are you not allowed to marry your cousin? Incest is unhealthy! The family tree begins stop branching out.

The same is true for the University. We have to attract new people and give them the opportunity to serve in key positions.

I think if the University could focus more on the correction of internal limitations, the growth and strengthening of the University would happen rapidly.

With that said, I hope the intentions of my actions this year were not too misunderstood. I will admit I enjoyed stirring things up around campus.

Even the governor's office checked on me because of the Tony the Lonely series. I also had sexual harassment charges filed against me within the University because of that series...Tony caused me more trouble than I expected.

Yet, I stayed focused on two things: bringing interesting news to the students and increasing the awareness of the rights of student media. Without the media, students or otherwise, who is going to question what goes on in the world?

You do not have to like the media but you should know its role...

Finally, the little voice that kept me from going to far from time to time desrves a thank you. My wife of one year has been the constant in my life throughout this endeavor.

She has consistently gone beyond her duties and committments to help me. She motivated me on tiresome days and calmed me on angry ones. She donated her time so that I could look good week to week.

You often hear that someone could not have done something without someone else...Courtney I could not have completed this year without you.

I am proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Thank you!

Shawn T. Hornsby
Editor

SPORTS

Demons blowout Centenary to continue the winning streak

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

Erin Mancuso's 16th home run of the season sparked a seven-run first inning as NSU blasted the Centenary Ladies 10-0.

The Demons (33-16) batted around in the first inning as the helpless Ladies (8-47) gave up 11 hits in the shortened five-inning game.

The Demons roughed up Centenary pitcher Brook Barnett, who pitched four innings and gave up 11 hits and three walks while recording no strikeouts. Barnett gave up 10 runs, nine of which were earned.

Mancuso's three-run shot was part of a 2-for-3 day at the plate. Mancuso added her 7th double of the season to go with 4 RBI's in the game.

"We had not faced Barnett except for one inning at their place, so I was a little worried," Demon head coach Gay McNutt said. "But we came out and hit her hard and that was the game plan," McNutt added.

The Demons' dominant pitching trio of Jessica Holaway, Cindy Leggett and Amanda Ortego combined on a one-hit shutout. Holaway struck out three of the seven batters she faced and pitched two solid innings of work to pick up the win.

"When we get a big inning like that," Holaway said, "It makes me feel more settled on the field."

Leggett pitched two innings, allowing only one hit and struck out two, while Ortego struck out two in her inning of work.

"We weren't taking anything away from Centenary," McNutt said, "but we knew we could beat them so I wanted each of them to get in some work."

Only two Centenary batters reached base, and none managed to get past second base.

Linette Stuart went 2-for-2 and scored a run while stealing her 26th and 27th bases. NSU stole eight bases in the game, including stealing home three times.

Demon second baseman Tracye Thompson also had a 2-for-3 day at the plate and added an RBI. Catcher Jamie Frasier, starting for Shannon Straty, drove in two runs in the game. Five Demon players (Stuart, Mancuso, Thompson, Frasier, Laura Davis) had two hits in the game.

"In order for us to beat Southwest Texas this weekend, we're gonna have to jump on their pitcher really quick like we did last night," McNutt said.

The Demons, who swept the Cowgirls of McNeese State last weekend, kept their five-game winning streak alive.

The Demons now find themselves number one in the Southland Conference with a 19-4 record. They will finish up regular season play this weekend with Southwest Texas.

The Demons must sweep the Southwest Texas Bobcats this weekend to win their third consecutive conference title. The series will be played in San Marcos this weekend.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

A very happy Demon softball team awaits the arrival of Erin Mancuso, who hit the game-winning homerun against McNeese State last Saturday. Her solo blast was her 15th on the season.

The win improved the Demons to 32-16 overall, and 19-4 in the SLC. The Demons will travel to San Marcos this weekend to take on Southwest Texas. A sweep would allow Northwestern its third consecutive Southland Conference title.

Good-bye Goodwin?

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won't come open again in the near future. I don't see myself coaching until I'm 70 like (FSU coach Bobby) Bowden."

Two weeks earlier, the Town Talk and the Shreveport Times reported that Goodwin was not interested in the job or would wait until the end of the football season.

"Not at all...not after you've gone through spring ball and the off-season," Goodwin earlier stated. "Right now we feel like we're halfway through the year instead of starting a new year," he said.

Goodwin graduated from HSU in 1966. A former walk-on player at HSU, he went on to become a NAIA All-American guard and played both offense and defense at Henderson. He was inducted to the HSU Reddie Hall of Fame in 1997.

He started his coaching roots in Arkansas, winning five state championships at Parkview High School in Little Rock before spending two years at Southern Arkansas University. He was assistant coach at the University of Arkansas before moving to Northwestern, started in Arkansas.

"He's a sports icon up there," Ireland said.

Goodwin has spent 17 years at Northwestern, building a record of 102-87 record during that time. He is the winningest coach in Southland conference history and has 111 overall wins in his 18 years of collegiate coaching.

Goodwin was a finalist for the Division I-AA Coach of the Year honor in 1998, the year he led the Demons to an 11-3 record and a trip to the Division I-AA semifinals.

"Mr. Irrelevant" and three other Demons enter the NFL

By Sports Information

As the final picks were being made Sunday in the 2000 NFL Draft, two-time All-American safety Mike Green of Division I-AA Northwestern State was frustrated, but not worried, that he hadn't been chosen.

Five teams called to say they wanted to sign him as a free agent, so Green knew he would get the chance to play in the NFL. But before the deal-making began, he got the surprise of being the last selection in the draft, and immediately became the object of a flurry of national media attention.

The Chicago Bears made Green the 254th and final pick in the two-day, seven-round draft. Being the last player chosen gave Green the unofficial title of "Mr. Irrelevant" and earned him the role of featured guest for a series of outings beginning June 19 in Newport Beach, California.

"I'm excited about being drafted, no doubt," said Green, a soft-spoken senior in criminal justice. "Then when I got the call about going to California, it really sounded nice. They said they would treat me like a king so I am looking forward to having fun with them before I get back to the business of making it with the Bears."

The "Mr. Irrelevant" celebration will include a trip to Disneyland, a parade, and golf and sailing outings along with a dinner in Green's honor.

"I've heard some of what they have gone through. I know it will be a challenge but it's the opportunity I have been working towards," said Green, a 6-foot, 186-pound native of Ruston who had career totals of 266 tackles, 28 pass breakups, 3 blocked kicks and 4 interceptions.

Green is not the only one entering the NFL.

Northwestern State linebacker Jake Michel, safety B.J. Williams, and receiver Eric Granger agreed to NFL free agent contracts Monday, with Michel and Williams remaining teammates with the San Francisco 49ers.

Granger is joining the New York Jets. Granger, Michel and Williams were undrafted Sunday.

A fifth 1999 Demon senior, receiver Chris Pritchett, was involved in talks with two NFL teams but had not reached agreement Monday.

Williams (6-2, 200), a Belle Chasse native who did not play football at Phoenix High School, led the Demons with 113 tackles last fall, including a career-high 20 at Troy State.

Michel (6-2, 254) made 358 career tackles, 31 for lost yards including 12 sacks, while playing in 44 games. A two-year starter, he made 160 stops in 14 games while earning second-team All-Southland Football League honors in 1998. The Lafayette native made 76 tackles with an interception as a senior, when he was moved from middle to outside linebacker.

Granger (6-1, 195) had 1,187 career receiving yards on 54 catches, an average of 22 yards per catch. He caught 10 touchdown passes. The Lake Charles-St. Louis product battled hamstring and back problems as a senior but still caught 19 passes for 264 yards and a touchdown.

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Baseball

NSU @ Samford (April 18)

NSU	010	000	000	- 1	2	2
Sam.	002	000	03X	- 5	8	0

WP-Anderson (3-6) Save-Miller (1)
LP-Floyd (0-2)
HR-NSU
Dunlap (3)
Sam.
Allred (6)

NSU @ Alabama (April 19)

NSU	001	010	011	- 4	9	3
Ala	253	413	10X	- 19	16	1

WP-Rainwater (1-0) LP-Dencausse(1-3)
HR-NSU
Proctor (8)
Ala
Bozanich (12), Gulledge (7), King 2 (6)

NSU vs. Sam Houston St. (April 21)

SHSU	300	000	001	01 - 5	8	3
NSU	102	000	100	02 - 6	11	3

WP-Stout (7-4) LP-Boyd (3-3)
HR-SHSU
Eddlemon (15), Foreman (2)
NSU
Proctor (9)

NSU vs. Sam Houston St. (April 22 DH)
Game 1

SHSU	001	000	0 - 1	4	2	
NSU	000	324	X - 9	8	1	

WP-Slanina (5-4) LP-Walters (3-4)

Game 2

SHSU	000	000	000 - 0	9	1	
NSU	201	000	20X - 5	5	0	

WP-Luna (6-0) LP-Brown (2-2)
HR-NSU
Robison (7), Dunlap (4)

Southland Conference Baseball Standings

Team	W	L	Pct
Louisiana-Monroe	17	4	.810
McNeese St.	17	7	.708
Soutwest Texas	14	10	.583
Nicholls State	12	9	.571
Northwestern	13	11	.542
Sam Houston St.	12	12	.500
Lamar	11	13	.458
Southeaster LA	8	16	.333
UT-Arlington	8	16	.333
UT-San Antonio	5	19	.208

Softball

NSU @ Louisiana Tech (April 18)

NSU	401	020	0 - 7	11	0	
LT	000	000	0 - 0	2	1	

WP-Ortego (12-7) LP-Pinkston (10-11)

NSU vs. McNeese St. (April 21 DH)
Game 1

MSU	000	000	0 - 0	1	6	
NSU	240	000	X - 6	7	0	

WP-Holaway (11-6) LP-Richardson

Game 2

MSU	001	000	0 - 1	7	1	
NSU	001	001	X - 2	4	1	

WP-Ortego (13-7) Save-Holaway (4)
LP-Meche

NSU vs. McNeese St. (April 22)

MSU	200	000	00 - 2	3	0	
NSU	020	000	01 - 3	8	0	

WP-Legget (7-3) LP-Bolyard
HR-NSU
Mancuso (15)

Southland Conference Softball Standings

Team	W	L	PCT
Northwestern	19	4	.826
UT-San Antonio	19	5	.792
UL-Monroe	17	6	.739
Southwest TX	16	8	.667
McNeese St.	14	10	.583
UT-Arlington	12	12	.500
SFA	10	12	.455
Southeastern	6	20	.231
Nicholls St.	4	23	.148
Sam Houston St.	3	20	.130

FEATURES

The End of an era

By Travis Boyle
Guest Reporter

As mayor of 20 years, Joe Sampite' has become as much a part of Natchitoches as the Christmas Festival and the bricks on Front Street.

His enthusiastic leadership and southern charm has helped him become known throughout the state.

But on May 31, when his fifth term ends, he'll be stepping down.

"I think I've lived my time," said Sampite. "Twenty years is a long time. I just feel like it's time to change."

Sampite', first elected in 1980, has been contested only once in the five consecutive terms that followed.

During his administration, Natchitoches has prospered from tremendous growth.

When he came to office, Interstate 49 did not exist, nor did the small town of businesses that now surround its Natchitoches exit. The area surrounding Keyser Avenue beyond the hospital was little more than residential zone and farmland.

Northwestern's enrollment was about half of what it is now.

And the city's budget was deep in the red.

Wayne McCullen, who has served on the city council and as mayor pro tem since Sampite' first took office, said the city was in disrepair.

"Basically the city was broke when we came to office in 1980," McCullen said. "But from 1980 until present, we have always ended up with a surplus."

McCullen, who will be replacing Sampite' as mayor when his term ends, said people from one end of the state to the other know Mayor Sampite' and what he has done for Natchitoches.

"He's probably the best public relations guy that I've seen," said McCullen, attributing much of Natchitoches' growth to Sampite's enthusiastic promotion of the city. "I think you'll see him go down as one of the most productive mayors in the history of Natchitoches."

"He never, never stops," said Mary Ann Nunley, the mayor's secretary of 10 years. "His love is Natchitoches. He's made Natchitoches a place you want to be."

This love for Natchitoches is obvious, at least to people who have met Sampite'.

By the end of the conversation they are either convinced with his words or by the "I Love Natchitoches" sticker that has most likely been stuck on their shirt.

The "I Love Natchitoches" stickers— probably what Sampite' is best known for— have been around since he first took office. He says he took the idea from a similar sticker used to promote New York, and that he probably gives out or sticks about 10,000 each year.

The stickers are stuck on doors, walls, and people all over Natchitoches and in numerous cities throughout the state. Sampite' even stirred up a bit of controversy with his stickers once.

While attending a wake, the mayor was asked by a first grader who was familiar with the stickers to place one on her deceased grandmother. So, he said, he took her hand and they went up to the coffin together.

"I wasn't thinking," Sampite' said. "So I just peeled one off and put it on her."

But not everyone approved.

"A guy who was mayor once, that nobody liked, wrote a letter to the editor about me putting an 'I Love Natchitoches' sticker on a dead person," Sampite said.

But the future of the mayor's trademark stickers is uncertain.

And chances are that, along with the mayor, the stickers soon will be retired.

Sampite' said he isn't sure what he will do after his term ends. He said he would like to do some traveling throughout the state, but after that he's not sure what he'll do. He is certain, however, that he wants to stay in Natchitoches.

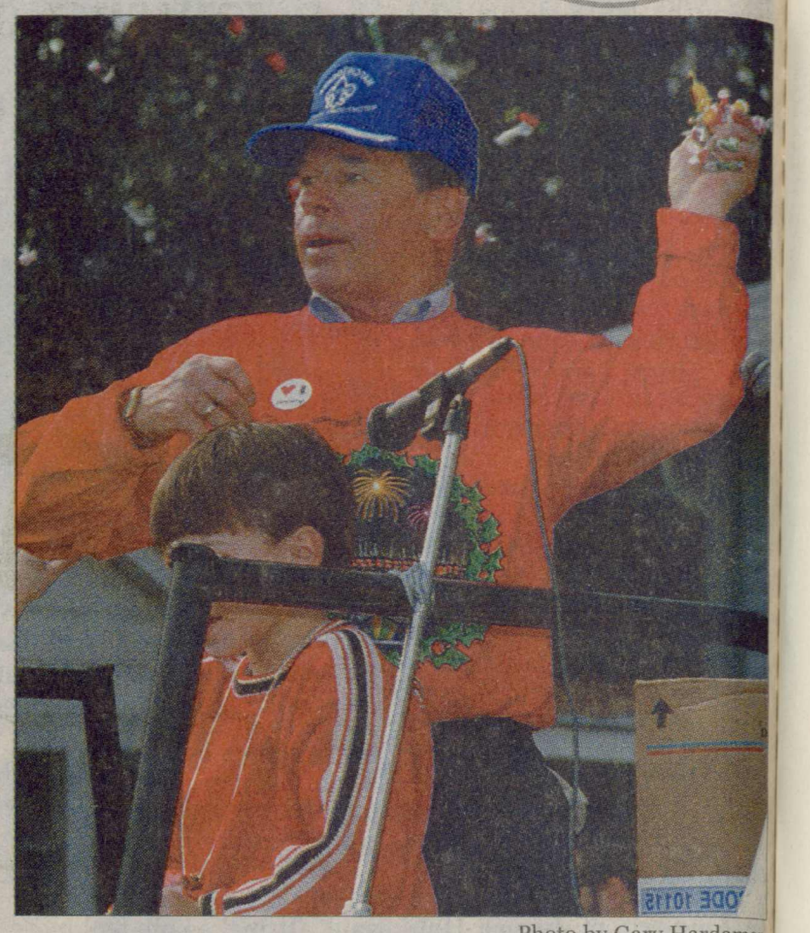
With less than two months left in his final term, Sampite' said his job is going to be hard to leave behind.

"I really took it at heart," Sampite said. "I'm really gonna miss it. I really am."

As for advice to the new mayor — Sampite' says give the people what they are paying for, and enjoy the job.

"Work hard and give it all you've got," said Sampite'. "Enjoy what you're doin' and never quit— and have fun, the main thing to do is have fun. God I've had so much fun at this job."

Editor's note: A roast in Sampite's honor will be held May 4 in the Student Union Ballroom. Tickets are $50 each and can be purchased by calling Tony Gustwick, director of institutional advancement, at 357-4414. Proceeds will help fund a scholarship in Sampite's name.



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Outgoing Natchitoches Mayor, Joe Sampite, participates in the annual Christmas Festival of Light Parade. Sampite has been Natchitoches' mayor for five consecutive terms.

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